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EDITORIAL

Hongkong & The Peace

Mr. William Teeling, MP, thinks Hongkong should be directly represented in future discussions concerning the Japanese peace settlement. Any such concession would, of course, provide a happy stimulus to the Colony's hot very strongly developed sense of self-importance, but when Mr. Teeling suggests he considers it necessary for Hongkong's interests and point of view to be put by our own selected spokesman, we are somewhat at a loss to appreciate precisely what he means. The Colony's interests, vis-a-vis the Allied peace treaty with Japan, are not, so far as can be discerned, particularly distinctive. We certainly subscribe to the general principle that Japan must never again be allowed to become such a powerful military force that she could for a second time endanger the peace of the Orient; we also feel, in common with the rest of the democracies, that Japan must be encouraged to regain her economic feet and so become independent of subsidies, either from America or elsewhere. We believe that fair reparations should be written into the settlement and that it should provide for as much freedom of international trading with Japan as is consistent with the times. These, however, are generalised conditions, and it is difficult to see where Hongkong's interests, beyond them, will expect to be considered should the treaty

Berlin, Feb. 6.—Western Germany's new economic charter, giving Germans in the combined British and American Zones broad new powers to decide their economic affairs, was published today by the British and American Commanders in Germany.

Signed yesterday by General Sir Brian Robertson, for Britain, and General Lucius D. Clay, for the United States, the British ordinance and the American proclamation, giving legal force to the new plan, will come into effect on Monday, February 9.

The new organisations set up under the plan will come into operation by February 24. The charter doubles the membership of the present German Economic Council for the combined zones, making the number of representatives 104. These are elected by the local Parliaments of the eight German States in the two zones.

The charter also sets up two important new bodies:

1.—A Laenderrat (Council of State), consisting of two representatives of each State appointed by the State Government.

2.—An Executive Council of Heads of Departments elected by the Economic Council, subject to Allied approval. The vote of no confidence in the Chairman will need confirmation by the Laenderrat as well as approval by the Anglo-American board.

There is no limit on the size of the Executive Council except that it will consist of heads of departments. At first, there will be six—economic, finance, transport, communications, agriculture and civil service—but more may be set up later.

There is no outstanding candidate at present for the post of Chairman, which will be hotly contested by the two leading parties in the Western Zone—the Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats.

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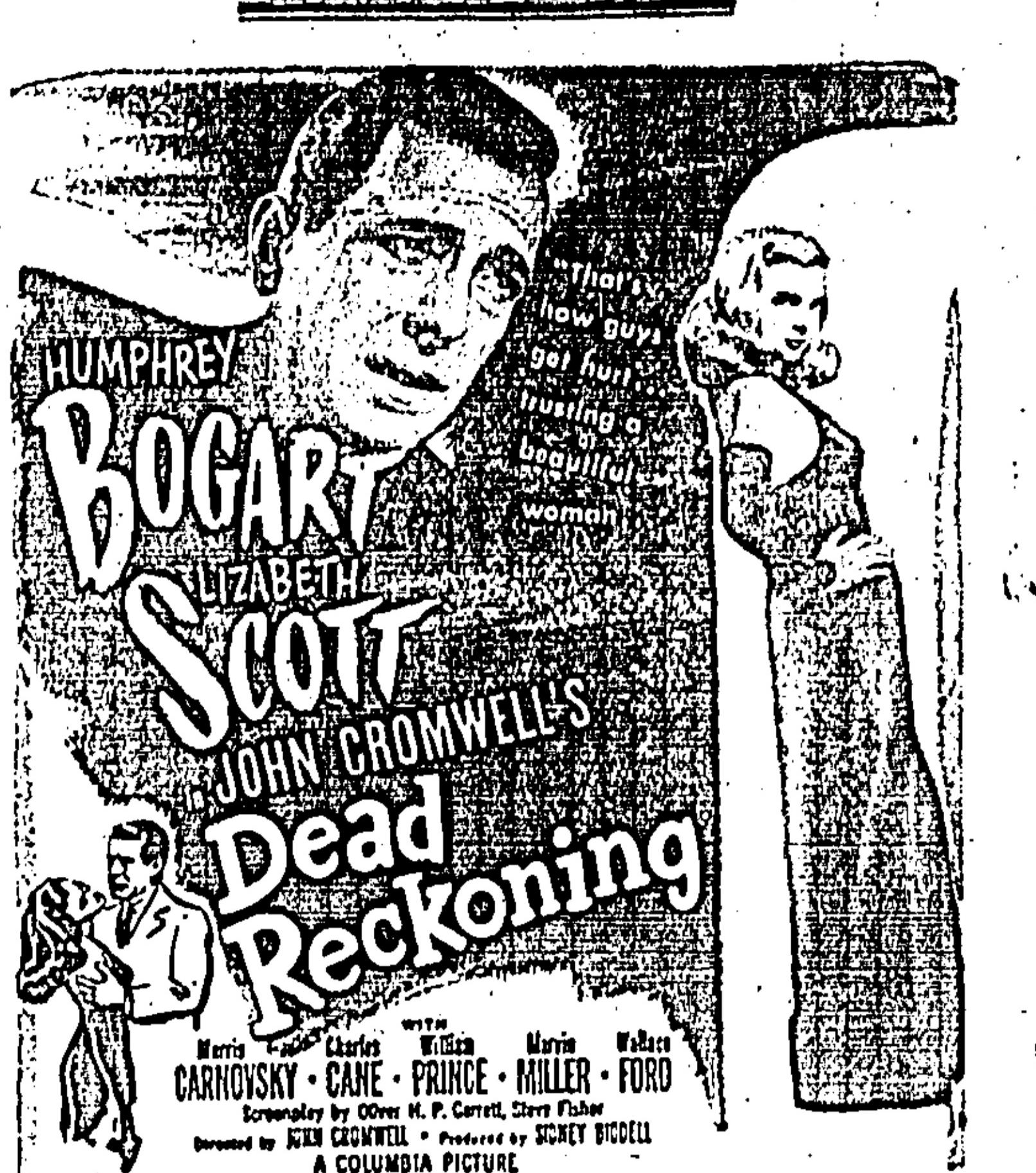
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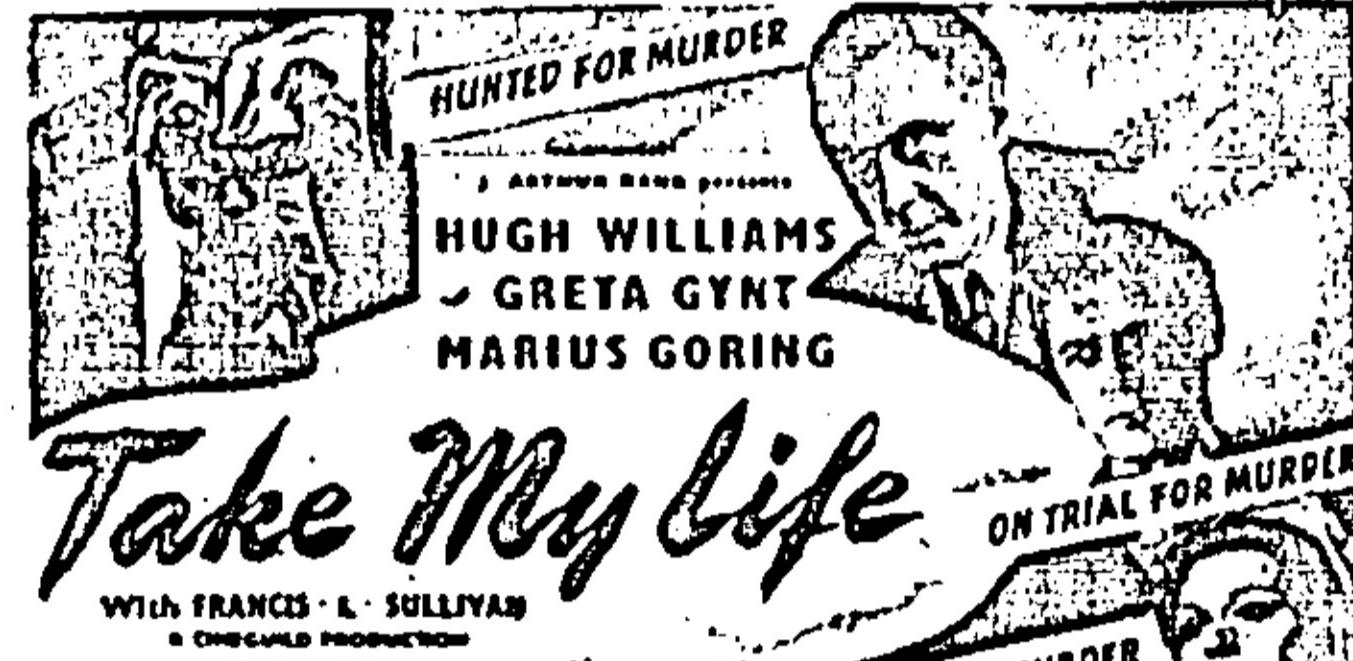
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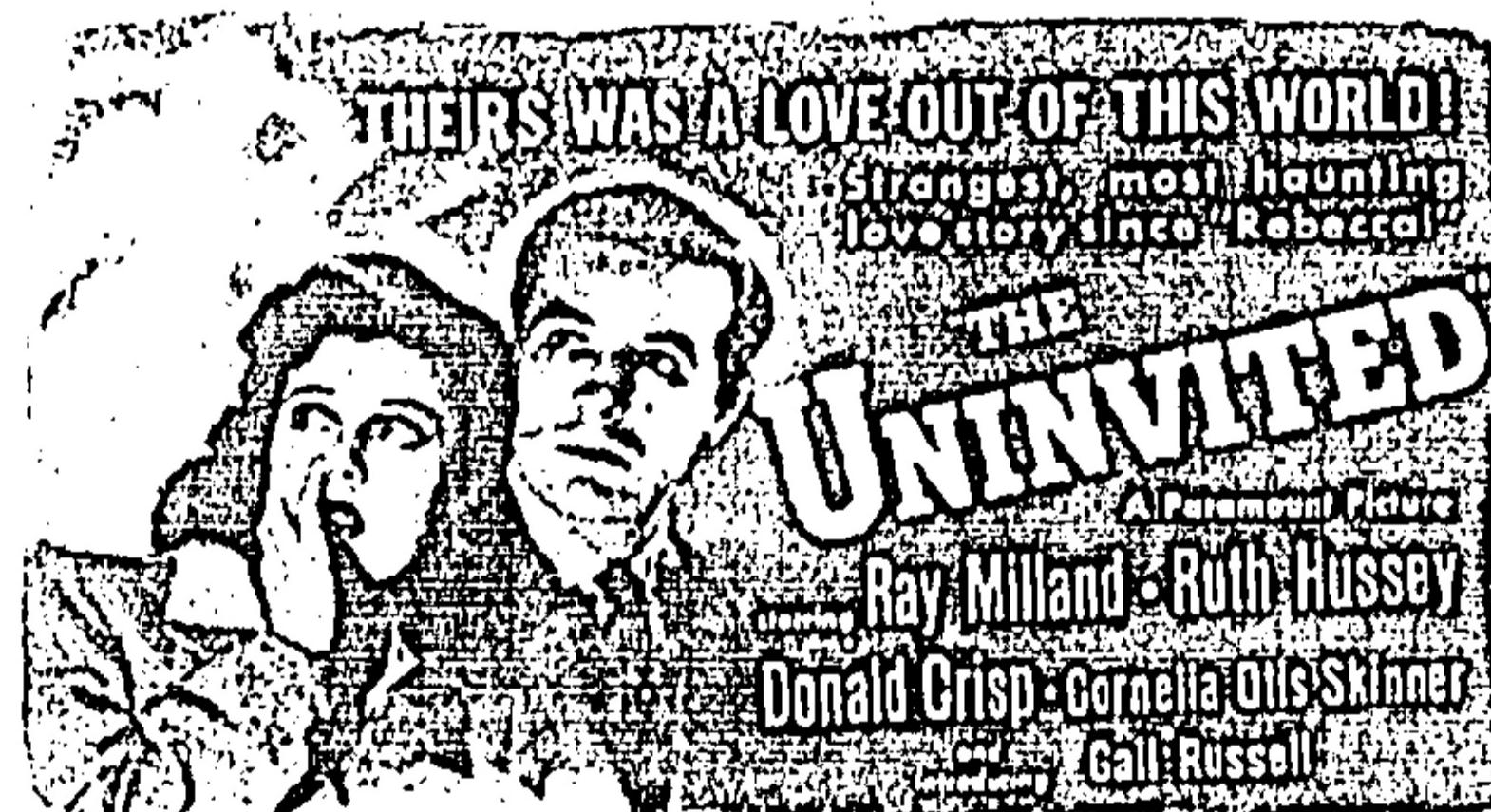
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"I forgot to tell you. I don't trust anybody . . . especially women!" says Humphrey Bogart as he deliberates whether to kiss or kill Elizabeth Scott in this scene from the thriller, "Dead Reckoning," at the King's Theatre.

ACTORS MUST BE LANGUAGE-WISE

By MERLE OBERON

EVERY day you read more and more stories about Hollywood's studios sending camera crews and actors all over the world to film pictures in the actual story-location settings. As an actress, this post-war change in the movie-making pattern concerns me deeply. It also deeply concerns every actor in every country of the world.

To be specific, the star who speaks only one language will be definitely handicapped. The concept of One World, which may or may not come off politically, is certainly being achieved dramatically. The star who is a stranger beyond the borders of his own country and cannot adapt himself to the speech of another nation, will be at a tremendous disadvantage.

Right now I am in Berlin, Germany, with an RKO Radio camera crew, and cast to film scenes for "Berlin Express."

On the way across the Atlantic happened to read the passenger list that was posted on the ship's bulletin board. There were British,

French and Italian stars returning from Hollywood and New York. I knew of others going to Hollywood. And American talent is going overseas in increasing numbers.

Acting is a world wide art which is standard in every nation, and international acceptance of an actor is based solely on his ability. Pantomime, facial expression and physical gestures convey general ideas, but this is the age of the talking picture. If your language is foreign to theatre-goers you are not doing your full job in communicating thoughts and ideas to the audience.

Let us consider, for example, my own current film assignment.

Travelling Grand Hotel

The picture is a sort of travelling "Grand Hotel" on wheels, the story of a trip from Paris to Berlin featuring people of five different nationalities-American, British, Russian, French and German. To achieve the international flavour, the characters all speak in their own languages. In the course of my portrayal of an English woman of mystery, I have dialogues in French, Russian and German.

I'm lucky in that I happen to be able to speak most of the languages in the picture more or less fluently. As a little girl I lived with my parents in Europe.

I don't think this knowledge was responsible for my getting the part in "Berlin Express," but I certainly don't think it hurt my chances.

Hands Across The Sea

There is plenty of evidence to support my ideas on the advantages of bilingualism. Foreign stars who have risen to the top in their own countries usually score a hit in America. And in almost every case, they either knew, or learned English, when they arrive in the U.S.

To mention just a few names, there are for example Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman, Sonja Henie, Viveca Lindfors and the newly arrived Valli.

Yes, this hands-across-the-seas movement should stimulate friendship between nations as well as lead to better films, better acting and more variety. There certainly is nothing wrong in that.

TORTURE ON THE HIGH SEAS!

Captain and crew of the devil ship, Pilgrim, stand by to watch first mate William Bendix mete out punishment to seaman Alvin Ladd in Paramount's dramatic production, "Two Years Before the Mast," now showing at the Queen's Theatre. On the stairs are seen Howard da Silva, the brutal captain, above him Brian Donlevy and on balcony Barry Fitzgerald.

Lighter Films Preferred

THE studios are switching from crime and period drama—to comedy.

First off the mark is Ealing Studios' chief, Sir Michael Balcon. Incidentally, no one in the film industry deserved knighthood more than Balcon, whose honour was announced at the New Year.

Then tell me Balcon's contribution to Inter-British friendship—with his Australian epic, "The Overlanders"—was one of the big reasons why the Prime Minister recommended the King to confer the honour.

In the production field, Balcon has picked three tales to signal the new general comedy policy.

These tales are: the story of an imaginative Irish youth, "Kind Hearts Are Coronets," a period piece which treats a macabre theme with a light heart, and "Passport To Pimlico," a fantasy of extraordinary happenings in the heart of London. Tobby Clarke, who wrote the story of Ealing's "Hue And Cry," penned "Passport To Pimlico." Clarke is one of the few British scenarists who are turning out really good stuff.

OTHER COMEDIES

Other British comedies will come from the Korda studios.

Stage playwright Frederick Lonsdale has written a gay subject for star Rex Harrison and director Carol Reed; and there's "The Devil's Delight," in which Cary Grant will play the devil.

You may have to wait, however, for Celia Johnson in the adaption of the stage comedy, "No Medals." They're going to call it "Her Majesty The House-wife" on the screen.

You may have to wait, too, for the movie version of Ivor Novello's West End musical hit, "Perchance To Dream."

THEY FIND A CAUSE

DAULETTE Goddard and husband Burgess Meredith will make a film about the Jewish exodus from Europe to Palestine called "Night Watch."

The couple will donate their services free. All profits will go to Palestine relief.

The Merediths, who have already sent food parcels from America to the entire British film crew of "An Ideal Husband," will bring to London £1,000 worth of food for friends in Britain.

Seeks Perfect Male Voice For Christ Role

An English producer is seeking the most authoritative and most beautiful male voice in the world to represent the voice of Christ in a film to be called "Mary Magdalene." Margaret Lockwood will have the title role.

Although producer Brian Hurst says it is impossible to make a film about Mary Magdalene without Christ, the censor will not allow a representation of Christ in person on the screen, only an indirect indication of His presence.

In the scene in which Christ reveals himself to Mary in the garden after He has risen from the dead, He will be represented by a bright light.

In other scenes audiences will hear His words spoken off-screen, but sometimes He will be represented as a shadow on the wall.

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A WORD OF WARNING ON STATE MEDICINE

The surgeon's choice

THE OFFICE OR THE OPERATING TABLE?

by

JOHN GARDHAM, M.S., F.R.C.S.

BRITAIN is about to embark on a State medical service. On the nature of this service depends the whole future of medicine and surgery in the country.

The public has a vague idea that Mr Aneurin Bevan, the Health Minister, and the British Medical Association have failed to reach agreement on the salaries and the right to practice, and the public is not very interested.

Is the public missing something else?

The purpose of the Act is to create a State monopoly in medicine.

The Minister has announced his intention of taking over practically every hospital in the country on the appointed day.

Thus all hospital physicians and surgeons face an inevitable decision.

They must either leave the hospitals or become servants of a Government department.

A PROMISE Of little help

The Minister has given a verbal promise that members of hospital staffs will be allowed to continue to give their services without payment as they have done in the past.

This will not save them from becoming civil servants, for they must in any case secure a contract from the Government department which owns the hospitals in which they work.

There is no financial quarrel here. The immediate arrangements proposed for consultants are generous.

The public may think them too generous; for even now before the Act has come into operation, a consultant may receive—if he cares to do so—large sums of public money in respect of services for which he has not previously been paid.

TREATMENT WILL BECOME STEREOTYPED.

It has been stated that there will be no interference with the right of a physician or surgeon to exercise his own judgment in treatment of patients.

This was not so in the Fighting Services, where "directives" on treatment became very common before the end of the war.

There are, in fact, many ways of forcing stereotyped treatment on the staff of a State-owned institution. It will be news to most members of the public and to many surgeons that plans for prohibiting the manufacture of surgical instruments which do not conform to a standard type are already well advanced.

THE ATTAINMENTS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THE HIGHER RANKS OF MEDICINE WILL CHANGE.

In the past great physicians and surgeons have made their fame by their work in the wards and operating theatres and not round committee-tables.

In a State service those doctors who plan and supervise must necessarily control those who examine, diagnose, and operate on patients.

Bees and ants battle for hive

ESSEQUIBO (British Guiana).

SMALL bees and large bees, emerald green, striped blue and grey bees worked the carpet of wild flowers at our feet, and hummed among the sweet-scented guava blossoms overhead, but not one domestic honey-bee was to be seen.

As we watched we realised that we needed a hive of bees badly.

The days are warm and sunny with a soft dew in the early morning. Flowers grow in profusion.

What more ideal spot could you imagine for honey-bees?

So we bought a rather neglected hive with a young laying queen. Italian bees are rather larger than those in Britain and more golden in colour, with an almost entirely golden queen.

QUEEN WAS LAYING

The hive was an ordinary box with a flat lid for a roof and a long opening along the front.

The queen was laying, the bees covered two frames of sealed and unsealed brood, and some honey and pollen was stored.

We put the hive on a two-foot stand, and sat back to see if British Guiana bees worked like those of Britain.

They were good-natured and could be handled without a yell or smoker. They built straight white comb, but were rather indifferent about gathering nectar.

Jean F. King

Thus an able surgeon soon reaches a point where he must choose whether he will cease to spend his time in the operating theatre and become an organiser, or will continue to practise the art of surgery with the knowledge that he will remain subservient for the rest of his professional life to those who have chosen to become organisers.

In an organised service there is no place for the man who is supreme because of his ability to cure the sick.

The highest honours will go to committee men and the organisers. Such men are valuable, but they will not compensate us for the loss of the thinkers and the craftsmen when these are gone.

I have held power over young professional men in the Service and I know how far it goes.

3 ORIGINALITY WILL BE SUPPRESSED.

During the war many articles in the medical press written by promising young men concluded with these words: "I am indebted to the Director of Medical Services and to Colonel —, commanding the Hospital, for permission to publish this article."

It would establish at one stroke a State monopoly in the higher ranks of medicine and surgery, and would make it impossible for a doctor to obtain hospital treatment for his patients except in a State controlled institution staffed entirely by civil servants.

What will be the result if this is allowed to happen?

4 TREATMENT WILL BECOME STEREOTYPED.

It seems an innocent sentence, but let us see what might have happened in the year 1867 if typical antiseptics had been a civil servant.

"No, Mr. Lister, I am sorry, but your theories are in conflict with the established views of the profession. To publish them now would not only be useless, it would be positively dangerous."

What do the physicians and surgeons who oppose the Act wish to put in its place?

"The confidence of the public in the service must not be undermined by such wild and improbable statements. I am sorry, but I must refuse absolutely to allow them to appear in print."

This never happened because Lister was a free man and able to think, speak, and write for himself and to carry his discoveries from hospital to hospital until they gained acceptance.

Disscouragement of brilliant men and suppression of brilliant work because they are unorthodox can wait too easily in a State service which is a monopoly.

I have held power over young professional men in the Service and I know how far it goes.

4 THOSE GREAT PROFESSIONAL BODIES, THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, WILL LOSE THEIR INDEPENDENCE IN THAT THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED IN THEIR MANAGEMENT AND POLICY WILL BE PAID AND PENSIONABLE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

There will be nothing in England outside the State service qualified to level criticism at it.

THE TRAP

Attractive conditions

The danger is real and immediate. Many physicians and surgeons believe that the Minister has recognised that the shortest way to a State monopoly is through the consultant branch of the profession, and has set out to make conditions of service in this branch attractive for this reason alone.

They believe that if they accepted the conditions they would open the way to a State monopoly, and thus condemn medicine and surgery in this country to a long period of stagnation.

What do the physicians and surgeons who oppose the Act wish to put in its place?

They wish for a comprehensive service which is not a monopoly. They wish for the survival of great men in the profession of medicine who are free to speak their mind.

They wish, above all, for the survival of voluntary hospitals with their record of service and discovery in the past.

Such hospitals have been the nursery of great men and great minds. For these hospitals there must certainly be State assistance, but need there be State ownership?

Ownership is essential for a monopoly. It is not essential for a service.

START AGAIN? Chance for Bevan

The public and the profession are at variance. They both want a service which ministers to public well-being and not to political ideals.

The present Act cannot produce what is required. But the work which has gone into framing it and into the discussions on its provisions has not been wasted. Both sides have learned much.

The possibility of making a fresh start and producing an Act worthy of its purpose provides an opportunity for the Minister to prove that he is a great man and not a political time server. Let him take it.

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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Pop's stalling—he's afraid mother will do as she threatens and pick up part of the tip!"

The Emir asks us to come in . . .

BENGHAZI.

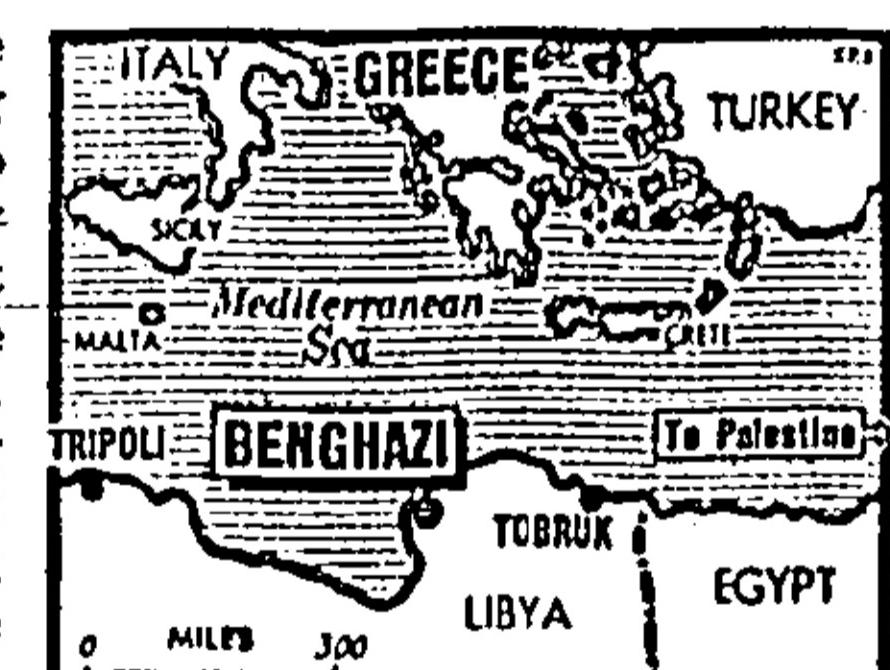
WHEN I look out of my window I look right down into Benghazi Harbour. The Americans tell us that this is the answer to the Communist threats to the independence of non-Communist Greece.

I am looking at the harbour now. I see the black rusting hulls of five Italian steamers lying on their sides, firmly silted into the strategic positions which they have occupied for the last five years.

I see the outer mole of the harbour in a shambles. Bombs, shells, and the weather have broken great gaps in it. Every day new bits crumble away as the breakers crash over it.

Sefton Delmer's NEWSMAP

comes today from North Africa



Certainly the guerrilla war in Tripolitania population of 800,000, is unlikely to constitute a problem.

This favourable condition of things in Libya has clearly been noted in London and in Washington.

A War Office working party has recently visited Cyrenaica and Tripolitania and made recommendations for the development of both these areas. The new plans go well beyond the modest care and maintenance programme originally prescribed.

Best bet

TRIPOLI HARBOUR is also coming in for a dredging and development scheme. And in some ways this is the best bet. For Tripoli has a substantial population, both in the town and in the hinterland. This would obviate manpower shortage, as at Tobruk.

Tripoli has excellent airfields which, unlike Tobruk, are not liable to be put out of action frequently by sandstorms and mist.

I think it is significant that the Americans seem now to be turning their attention to Tripoli rather than Cyrenaica. Not a single American has visited Cyrenaica recently. In Tripoli, on the other hand, more and more Americans are to be seen.

Key man

THE Emir of Cyrenaica, Sir Sayid Mohamed Idris el Senussi, whose stencilled portrait—a kindly profile in turban, spectacles and beard—has replaced the demagogue bull-head of the Duce on the walls of Benghazi, confirmed this when I called on him, at home in a former gambling casino outside Benghazi.

The assurances the Emir gave me are most important because in the event—which I believe most likely—of Tripolitania and Cyrenaica being granted independence in a federal union, he will rule over the now independent Arab Libya. Moreover, his influence with the population is immense.

The Emir, a pleasant, donnish man with a high thin voice, made it unambiguously clear to me that he would:

Engage British technicians and experts to help in the administration and development of his country, as well as the training of his army and police.

Grant us such bases as we need for the defence of our common interests.

The Italian minority in Tripolitania, amounting to 4,000 out of the

total Tripolitanian population of 800,000, is unlikely to constitute a problem.

There is one other sign of Whitehall's reawakened interest in this country. Everywhere I go I see men taking measurements, noting, plotting and planning. They are the advance party making arrangements for the arrival of the troops to be deployed here from Palestine.

I feel confident that when the Foreign Ministers or, if they cannot agree, by UNO—and I can only envisage a solution which hands the country back to the Arabs—the militarists will repay their debt.

I believe we shall find that the opening up of the country's military and strategic resources contributes to the general prosperity and development of this poverty-stricken land.

EVERY SATURDAY

WOMANSENSE

FULL-PAGE FEATURE

Fashion is Spinach
AMERICA FIGHTS "NEW LOOK"

By Virginia Stafford

NEW YORK.—If, as Elizabeth Hawes entitled her book of a few years ago, "Fashion is Spinach"—meaning style is nonsense, a woman should wear clothes which fit her type—then the current long-skirt, padded-hip trend is hard to swallow for militant American housewives and their budgeting husbands.

The death of a war production rule conserving material and Paris held responsible for the "New Look" of longer skirts and hip drapery. When this restriction was lifted, stylists plunged into creative design up to their thimble fingers and emerged with a revolutionary silhouette.

Reaction was immediate. Many women have adopted the trend eagerly, reliable survey show the new styles are selling rapidly, but the majority of them have disappeared. And this persistent discontent has grown into organized protest as skirts continue to go ankleward.

OPPOSITION

Forerunner of the Opposition Party—more evidence of the American habit of forming a club at the slightest excuse—is the "Little Below the Knee Club" of Dallas, Texas, founded by Mrs Warren J. Woodward, attractive beauty wife of a combat war veteran. With her have banded 1,300 determined Texas women who "don't feel like throwing away their entire wardrobe."

"WHISTLES NOT BUSTLES" Coeds of Bergen Junior College, Teaneck, New Jersey, add their voices with "The Society to Stop Sagging Hemlines" and have picketed the New York Dress Institute with signs reading "The longer the skirt, the shorter our chances!" "We want whistles, not bustles!"

We, the People," radio mirror of public opinion turned fashion judge. The presidents of the Little Below the Knee Club and the League of Broke Husbands and a radio actress gathered before a microphone to discuss longer skirts. Result: a trilateral agreement for the shorter hemline.

Metropolitan papers, too, have ceded to survey on the question and report discussion of suffragette propositions. The New York Daily News conducted this experiment: a girl reporter, clad in a high-style long-hemmed frock, accompanied by an alert photographer, strolled along Fifth Avenue on a Sunday afternoon. Attention was negligible. From comments from ambling passers-by were few. For the return trip she had the skirt shortened to knee length and attracted enough attention for the paper to conclude the Short Skirts Make The News.

Complaints against drooping hems are based on wallets and figures. The husband and budgeting working girl walls: "This means a new wardrobe." The shorter woman laments: "I can't wear that long skirt—it'd look like I was standing in a barrel." But stylists say there is no one length for all women. The individual's height and build should determine whether she sets her hemline at midriff or lower.

SELLING FAST

Experts take a firm stand for the "New Look." Mrs Virginia Collier, a business economist in the Women's Apparel Division of the Department of Commerce said in a press interview, "Changes in women's clothes always go in cycles. The present one seems revolutionary because it was so long overdue."

According to a survey made for the United Press by the National Drygoods Association, which represents 7,000 department and specialty stores, the new fashions are selling so fast that re-orders are coming in already. Enthusiasm abounds in the bigger cities, and the higher, priced the dress is, the better it sells.

Since 1920 hemlines have gone up and down with elevator-like regularity. Shortly after the first World War skirts were worn at midriff; seven years later the knee showed without apology. By 1934 afternoon frocks clung near the ankles, while two years ago hemlines hugged the knees again. And economics enters the field with acknowledgment of a credited axiom: short skirts in prosperity, long skirts in depression.

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FRESHEN UP THAT FROCK

WITH undecided weather and few new clothes, what can a woman do? Try brightening what you have with white. The shops have plenty of white doeskin (which is washable) and white petticoat ribbon. From these materials you can make the "fresheners" sketched by Virginia.

The detachable belt and cuff set (1) refreshes an old wool frock. It is easy to make and easy to laund.

A couple of yards of 2-3in. wide white petticoat should be sufficient for the set, plus some buttons. Cut buttonholes at 3in. intervals round the wool cuffs and belt of the frock first. Then make the white cuffs.

Fasten with the white cuffs to them at 3in. intervals to correspond to the buttonholes, allowing the petticoat to show about 1in. either side of the belt and above the cuffs.

STREAMERS

The girl at (2) has brightened her felt bowler with a bathtowel and two long streamers of white petticoat ribbon. But she has added an individual touch with her initials worked at either end of the ribbon in the same colour as her hat.

When the weather permits, a large, plain black straw hat can be

considerably brightened with a circle of white flowers worn near the brim, as in Sketch 3. Artificial flowers are expensive these days, so make them out with dark green leaves, and choose smooth or stiff flowers; velvet or soft silk flowers are liable to become wilted and dusty very quickly.

Doeskin is used again (4) to lighten a navy or black frock. Choker necklaces and dog-collars are a popular accessory, and here is a fringed white choker, easily made by stretching a strip of doeskin over a length of cord, of any thickness:

FRINGE

Either machine the skin very close to the cord, afterwards carefully fringing the double thickness close to the line of stitching, or roll the leather round the cord, leaving a single thickness to be fringed and attach the choker by hand at the back; as neatly as possible.

Fasten with a hook and eye, or else with a strip of doeskin, tied in a bow at the back.

The gloves are also made of doeskin—again from any paper pattern—but elastic run through wrist and top enables the gauntlet to be pushed down to the wrist in a doubled frill.

Dinner for 4

It was cooked five years ago—unfrozen, heated up and eaten

MY meal had been cooked and ready to eat for five years before I sat down to table.

It was an experimental meal. Half an hour before I had held in my hands the five packages you see in the picture on the right.

They represent a cooked three-course meal for four people. This was our menu: Tomato soup; chicken, mushrooms, tomatoes, and sherry sauce; Brussels sprouts; fried potatoes; plum fool.

Each frozen block—measuring about 6ins. x 5ins. x 2ins. deep—is a course or part of it. From package to table is completed in three moves: Thaw it, warm it, and serve it.

This was the cost of the meal per person: Soup, 3½d.; chicken, 6d.; potatoes, 4d.; Brussels sprouts, 7½d.; plum fool, 3½d.

My friends tried it and liked it. This was their verdict: Why must we wait for this? Surely now it is a blessing for wives whose husbands are detained at the office.

I found this "Food"—as the new frozen food is called—on show at the Hotel, Restaurant, and Catering Exhibition.

A process developed by Britain during the war enables cooked food to stay fresh and keep its flavour for up to five years. It must be eaten within 48 hours of thawing.

The makers say that at the moment "rationing difficulties" are preventing the process out of reach of housewives, but airline passengers are already being served with it.

PAGODA LOOK
Replaces 'New Look'

By Gerry Hill

London, Jan. 28.—Norman Hartnell unveiled his "Pagoda Look" today in a bid to overwhelm the "New Look" and lure dollars from the American fashion market.

Hartnell's Look is ultra-feminine, without a trace of the masculine line of the postwar fashion world.

Soft flares and swirls circle around suits with short Pagoda jackets and umbrella-pleated skirts.

Six months ago, the Royal designer condemned long skirts. Today he is a willing victim to hemlines eight and nine inches off the ground.

"But," cry Hartnell's girls, "we are tired of the New Look—our look is the Pagoda."

Foreign buyers from both sides of the Atlantic rubbed shoulders in Hartnell's front-mirrored salon, where the designer sketched and traced Princess Elizabeth's wedding gown. They fingered a collection of the finest British woolens, rayons, crepes, plain tulles and pure silk, and British silk-satin. They eyed exquisite hand embroidery adorning the evening gowns. They commented on the voluminous topcoats which Hartnell admitted looks like unfolded Arab tents.

A little black suit entitled "Parapluie" featured a Pagoda-shaped jacket with nipped waistline, worn over an umbrella-pleated full skirt. A blouse embroidered with sequins was worn underneath.—United Press.

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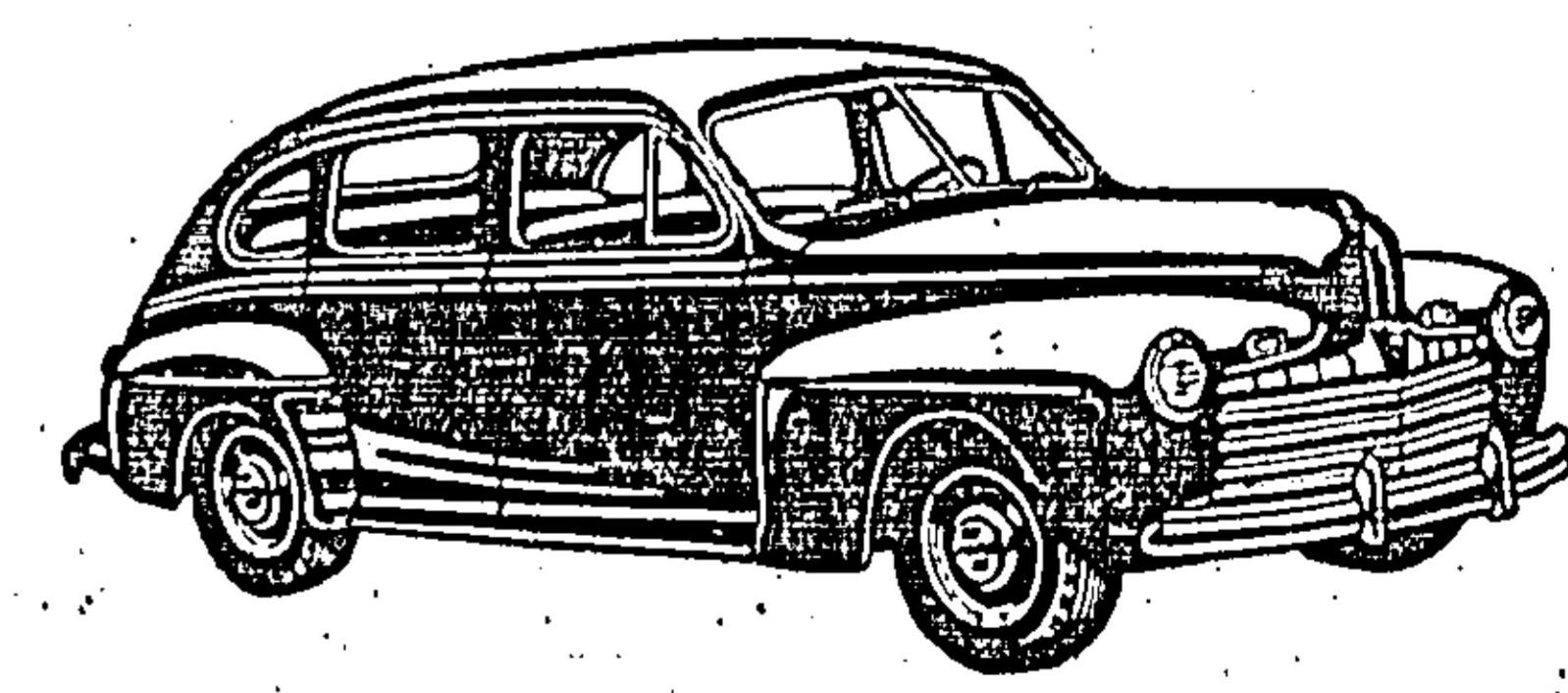
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French Explorer Ends Solo Trip Of Lolo Region & Lake Kokonor

By Roy Essoyan
(Associated Press Correspondent)

DR Andre Migot, 52-year-old student of Eastern religion and philosophy, reached Shanghai a few days ago after a one-man expedition through Tibet. His trip stretched all the way from the land of the Lolas in the south to the wild and mountainous Lake Kokonor region in the north, which an American expedition is planning to explore this month.

In March last year Dr Migot left Hanoi, pushed north through the mountains of Lolo-land, and at Tachienlu—on the Sikang-Szechuan border—struck eastward into Tibet. In September, more than five months and 3,000 miles later, he reached Lanchow, base for the planned Milton Reynolds-Boston Museum expedition starting this month.

Before the war, Dr Migot went from France to Caleutta on a bicycle, through Italy, Greece, Turkey, Iraq, Persia, Afghanistan and India. He wanted to study Indian religions but arrived in India in September, 1939, and, when the world war started, joined the French forces.

On his trip through Tibet last year, Dr Migot survived attacks by bandits, imprisonment by the Chinese Reds, and a small-scale civil war in Lolo and seemingly unperturbed and even pleased at what he considered interesting experiences.

LIVED LIKE TIBETAN

For five months he lived, ate and dressed like a Tibetan—and, he says, he thrived on it. He has studied the language in his native France and had no difficulty making himself understood. He found the people friendly and co-operative and took in his stride the adventures that crossed his path.

But Dr Migot didn't get to Shanghai until a few days ago. After reaching Lanchow he took time out for a long stab into Inner Mongolia, and back near Peiping . . . "just for good measure," he says—he spent two weeks as a prisoner of the Chinese Reds.

WILDEST AREA

On the last lap of his Tibetan expedition, before reaching Lanchow, Dr Migot passed through what he described as the wildest area of his travels—the high land between Lake Ngoring and the Anyemachin mountain range where the Reynolds expedition hopes to find a peak higher than Mt. Everest.

STAPLE FOOD

He passed within sight of the Anyemachin range—"snow-capped peaks soaring into the sky"—and skirted Lake Ngoring, source of the Yellow River.

"During that last lap we didn't see a human being for three weeks," Dr Migot told the Associated Press. "It was all desert and short, stubby grass. And wild, the wildest country I passed through. One member of a French expedition was killed by Noglog tribesmen there some years ago."

This part of China is so wild and deserted, Dr Migot said, that only the biggest caravans venture through it—and that only once or twice a year.

COLLECT BOOKS

Well-known scholar of Buddhist and Tibetan civilisation, Dr Migot's main aim during his pilgrimage through the little-known wastes of Sikkim was to collect books and manuscripts on Buddhism and Buddhist paintings, and to further his studies in Buddhist philosophy. He is a graduate of the Louvre College in Oriental Archaeology and the College of High Studies in Buddhist Philology, and is head of an archaeological mission for the French

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE American film people are reported to be considering the introduction of advertisements into films; cleverly interpolated boosts for certain goods.

I am all for it, especially if it is done with humour. Here is a bit of dialogue for a tense love scene. "Your eyes . . . your hair . . . your face in the moonlight. . . . What's this stuff that makes you so madly lovely?" "Silbbo." "But surely you don't rub Silbbo on your face?" "Why not?" "Well—pardon my mirth—Silbbo is for polishing floors. No wonder you shine!" Then, on with the scene.

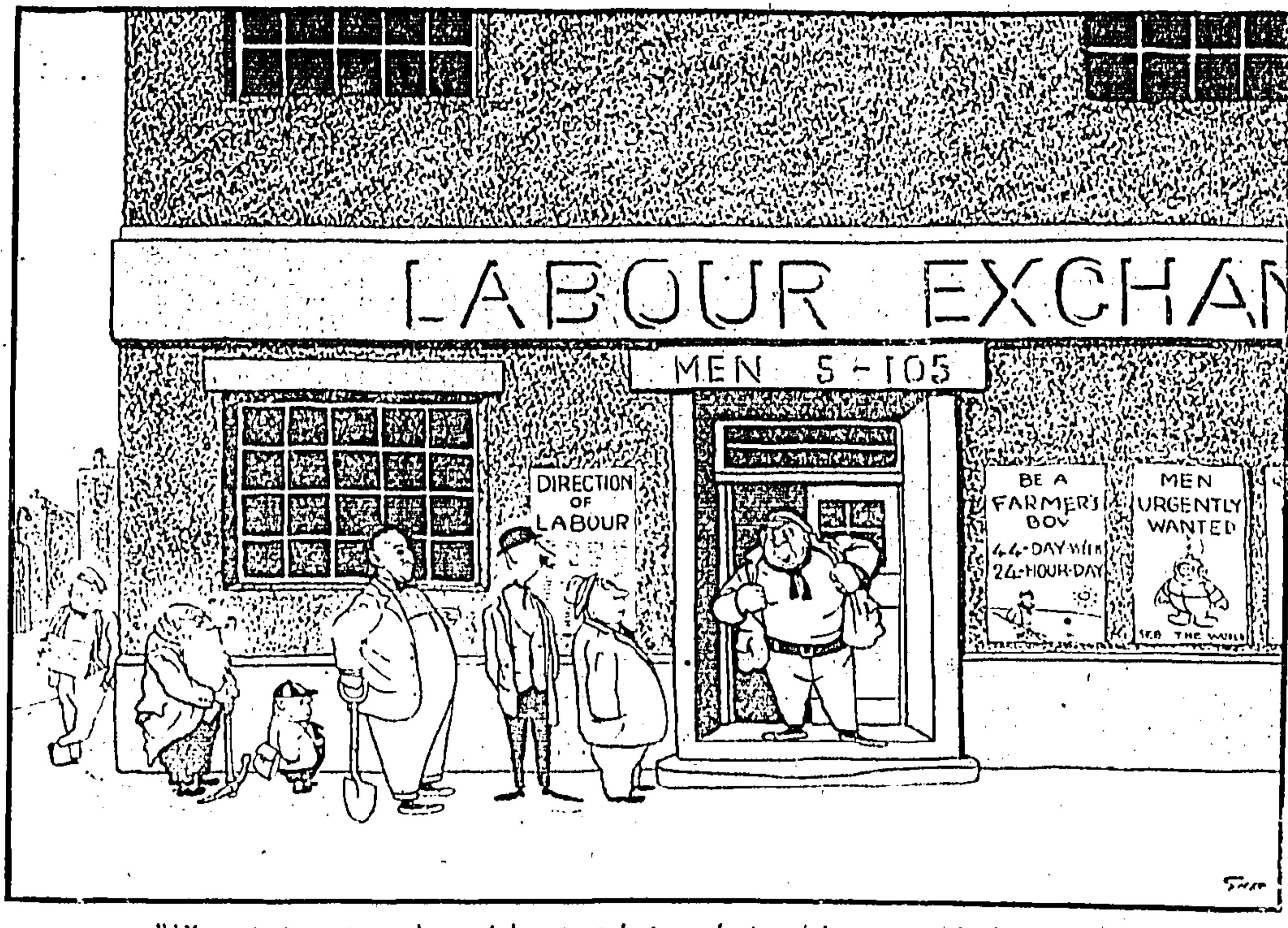
Marvels of science



"Is he dead, chief?" "Stone cold, Knifed." "Knifed?" "Yep. One of Jivett and Romburg's self-cleaning stainless knives." "Gee, they're swell!"

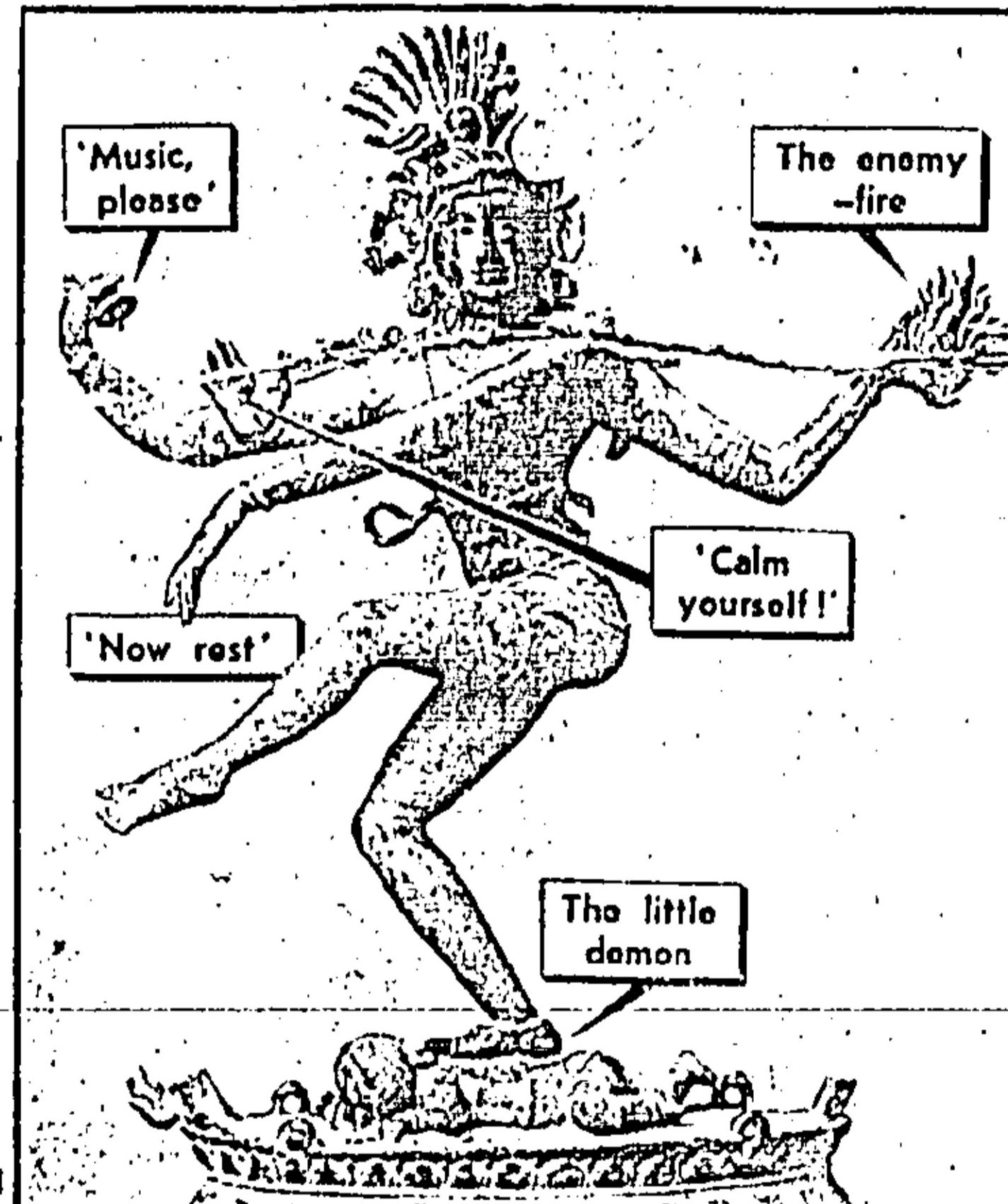
Was Henry James
Mrs. Trefadden?

SPIFFISCH in his Geschäftliche Schreibmaschine, which Munro has well called the vademecum,



Siva just keeps on talking . . .

With his hands, of course!



BERNARD WICKSTEED has Fun Finding Out

The old Indian artists had curious ideas on perspective, and most of their pictures look as if they had been painted from the top of a tree or in a helicopter hovering about 20 feet up.

One of their slickest tricks was to work tiny pieces of beetles' wings into the paint so that it flashed like jewellery.

If this show, the greatest of its kind ever held in Europe, had been put on before August last year it could have been called "Indian art" and everybody would have been happy.

But you can't do things like that now.

On Judgment Day, they said, the painters would be called upon to put life into their

creations, and naturally they wouldn't be able to do it.

Indian and European idol-smashers.

Temple idols are not the only forms of Indian art that the well-informed man should know about. There is also Indian painting.

Most of this is Hindu work.

The old Moslems had a tradition that painting was an assumption by man of divine powers and that painters would go to hell.

On Judgment Day, they said,

the painters would be called upon to put life into their

creations, and naturally they wouldn't be able to do it.

Akbar's Influence

AKBAR, the greatest of the Mughal Emperors, who came to the throne in 1556 when he was 13 years old, helped to break down this tradition.

He said that painting made an artist realise he could not give life to his work, and so his thoughts naturally turned to God.

The Mogul school of painting

which Akbar started flourished

for several hundred years and

resulted in some of the finest

work in the exhibition. Every

worth-while Mogul had his

court painters who used to sign

their work.

They were the only Indian

artists who did, which is why

nearly all the work in the ex-

hibition is anonymous.

No one knows who moulded

the dancing Siva or carved the

two-ton woman. The unknown

masters were hereditary craftsmen with much the same status

as thinkers or tailors.

They went about their work

without fuss in the bazaars

with no thought of achieving

IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

THE American State Department might almost be charged with spreading dismay and despondency among our people by publishing its analysis of the probable British economic situation at the end of June 1952.

A prospect that in Britain we shall still have food, clothing, and petrol rationing four and a half years from now is the reverse of thrilling.

Presumably the State Department has tended to paint the picture in dark colours in order to make Congress realise how necessary it is to approve the Marshall plan promptly.

Yet its gloomy estimate must have some sort of factual basis derived from Britain. That is what disturbs, for the conclusions set forth are worse than anything our own leaders, even the realist Sir Stafford, have so far told us.

Can we be given some reassuring words on this subject?

* * *

THE education of our people concerning the real nature of the so-called "Progressive" or "Popular" democracies of Eastern Europe proceeds apace.

Bulgarian Communist Dimitrov (of Comintern fame) revealed a new technique when he hinted to defiant Socialist deputies that they might share the fate of the hanged leader Petkov.

It is truly an odd sort of democracy which employs, as a method of changing opinion, the threat of a hangman's rope.

I am prejudiced enough to hope that this new method will not spread to Britain.

It would indeed provide a poor politician with much food for serious thought.

Yet there are said to be some M.P.s in our own Parliament who find the new Balkan "democracies" attractive.

We must trust their education is proceeding.

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RING out the false, ring in the true, may be said to be the New Year's message of Mr Morgan Phillips to the Labour Movement.

His call for the rooting out of the Communists and fellow travellers was not exactly a message of peace and good will, yet within it was very timely.

Basically tolerant and pacific, the Labour Movement is prone to be meek and gentle with these disrupters, and they have taken full advantage of the fact.

Now the need for self-preservation comes into the picture.

By command of the alien Commissars a barefaced attempt to wreck industrial recovery is being attempted by the Communists.

Their success would mean more misery for the people of Britain, and certain disaster for the Labour Government.

Therefore they must be fought, and fought without quarter, for they stand condemned as the enemies of the people.

In this Pollitt versus Morgan Phillips duel I put my money on the Labour Party secretary, a Welshman, whose quiet manner and studious appearance belie his fighting quality.

Alert and well informed, facts and logic are his weapons.

If he puts the case for political Labour with the thoroughness and precision Lord Clitrine was wont to display at industrial gatherings.

He may be outshone in fiery emotional appeal by Harry Pollitt, but when it comes to hard fact and clear logic this earnest democrat from the Welsh mines will triumph every time.

Morgan is aggressive, but only after the manner of the wicked animal who, when attacked, had the temerity to defend himself.



••SPORTS FEATURES••

2nd DIV. NEEDLE MATCH TODAY

Navy "B" And Eastern

HONGKONG'S INTERPORT XI ANALYSED

(BY "SEE TEE")

A week-end of routine league matches precedes next week's big Interport games with Shanghai. Today the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay is the venue of two most interesting league matches. The two top clubs of the Second Division, Navy "B" and Eastern, meet in a needle match which commences at 2.30 p.m. It is followed by the meeting of the sailors' senior eleven with Sing Tao. The Sing Tao team may include five of Hongkong's team to meet Shanghai on Tuesday.

Most attractive of tomorrow's fixtures is at Caroline Hill where St. Joseph's do battle with South China, the Interport match with Shanghai, which is to be played on the Club ground on Tuesday next, Chinese New Year's Day.

The Navy's second eleven battle with their chief rivals, Eastern's second string, who, incidentally are the only team to lower their colours this season, is one of the highlights of today's local football. Eastern took away Navy "B's" undefeated record when they beat them 5-3 on November 1st. Although Eastern's junior eleven has been weakened a little by players being promoted to the first team (in what odd corners blows the winds of transfer!) they are still very lively combination. The Navy will have to go all the way to avenge their previous defeat.

This junior division battle is followed by a most interesting first division fixture—the Navy v. Sing Tao. In recent weeks, the sailors have been able to keep their eleven more unchanged than at any time throughout the season. There are no more than a couple of changes from the side which did so well against South China a fortnight ago. It is unfortunate, though, that the Navy eleven gets little or no opportunity to train and practise together as a team.

POWERFUL SING TAO

Sing Tao on the other hand should be able to field a strong, well trained team. Five Sing Tao players have been chosen to represent Hongkong on Chinese New Year's Day; but it is not certain that all of this quintet will be in action this afternoon. Sing Tao have sufficient good reserves to rest nearly all of them. This is the first meeting of the two clubs this season. Indications are that Sing Tao will win, but the Navy, despite crippling injuries to three of their best players, managed to hold South China to a draw a fortnight ago.

Other first division matches today are Kwong Wah v. the Club at Boundary-street, and RAF v. Eastern at Soakumpoo. The Club beat Kwong Wah 3-2 in their early season league meeting. RAF and Eastern have not met before this season.

Caroline Hill promises to be the scene of a rousing match tomorrow afternoon. The occasion is the return league match between St. Joseph's and South China. South China won the last game, which was also played at Caroline Hill, on October 15. Both the Saints and South China have very sprightly forward lines, which should make this a fast end to end game.

SOOKUNPOO MATCH

The Soakumpoo meeting of 25th RA and the Police is another good match tomorrow. In their mid-October match the final score was a 1-1 draw. When Kowloon Motor Buses and the Innskillings last met, the soldiers won a roaring game by six goals to five. The Innskillings are a much changed team since those days, nearly four months ago, and they will be hard pressed to hold out against an improved Motor Bus team.

Chinese Athletic and Kitchee, who are to play at the Club ground tomorrow afternoon, last met at Boundary-street before an almost record crowd for a local mid-week league match. Kitchee won 5-1 and on that occasion (October 10) their eleven included three of next week's representative players, Hau Yung-sang, Lai Shui-wing and Ho Ying-fun. These three stars are now on Sing Tao's playing strength, and tomorrow's match suffers in interest accordingly. Lai Shui-wing scored three of Kitchee's five goals. Kitchee will miss him tomorrow. Here again is the eleven chosen to represent Hongkong, in



The Club de Recreio and Kowloon Cricket Club mixed doubles badminton teams which met recently in a league match, the Recreio winning easily.—Ming Yuen.

Softball Chatter

By "Spectator"

International Series As New Year Attraction

The initial games in the International series are to be played on February 10 and 11. Britain, under Stan Leonard, meets United States, represented almost entirely by gobs of the U.S. Navy here, at 11 a.m. on the first day, and next morning Philippines clash with China. The Filipinos are led by Fred Diesta and C. B. Wong is at the head of the China squad. This game starts at 11 a.m. also. Whether these International games are to be played on the CBA ground or Recreio cricket ground has not been yet decided. India and Portugal drew byes.

Great Britain, holders of the Hopkong and Shanghai Hotels Shield, the "surprise packet" of last year, gets strength from the Leonard brothers and Harold Wingfield at the helm and should do well enough, but are not expected to retain the title. Little is known of the combination for the U.S., but the American boys are logically expected to be the kind to know their stuff and give a good account of themselves.

A strong China enters the field led by Bill Woo, Canadian chief, and his peppery teammates in Dr. G. Lee, Luke Bunn and Herbie Quon. If he is fit again after an injury to a finger, Right behind them will be the pick of C. B. Wong's South China boys with "showboat" Yeung Kar-shing heading the way. Popular Fred Diesta of the Philippines does not have many players to select from but should turn out a useful side though not expected to extend the China lads.

Two strong contenders are India and Portugal who receive byes. While Little is seen of former mainstays, India has yet a formidable array to rely on in Kaha Nazarin, Jindoo Hussain, A. H. Bakar, Junior Markar, A. H. Ismail, Sherry Hamet and Sherry Bucks who have not lost any of the slugs which helped India to two International Series victories in pre-war days.

A few of the promising Boxes of the current Junior League competition may be of help, while the two most promising youngsters in the present Senior League teams, St. Joseph's starry third sacker Benny Omar and Madcaps' ace backstopper Sabu Samy should walk into the team. Two tried out managers are leading the side in K. Nazarin and A. R. Markar, who have seen fronts of victories in the same capacity before. Not seen in action this year veteran catcher Shelly Razack may return to the India force and Miskin Samy of the Rovers should manage to find a place too.

PORUGAL STRONG

Portugal, under the able leadership of Tony Alves, is as usual strong. The International Series has evaded these Portuguese boys so far (apart from an unofficial Series) but they will be powerfully challenging for the coveted honours. Since the "retirement" from the game of the Gosano brothers—the Doctor, Bertie and Lino—the Portugal lads have been found lacking in batting power, and again they will be missed in this Series. Much will depend on the bats of Charlie Quinn, Gerry Gosano, Wilfred Lawrence, Leo Vieira (on the "sick" list for a while) and Billy Soares. However, only Gerry looks like the slugger, the others being useful place batters. If Tony Bayot finds a place, he certainly will

bolster the average attacking power.

The League rivalry for the Doc F.J. Moilten Shield has entered a most interesting stage. On record, St. Joseph's lead the way with only a loss, followed by Madcaps with two defeats. Canadians and Recreio have a "pennant-peeping" chance. Both have lost thrice. Between these four strongest contenders, the Saints have yet to meet Madcaps and Canadians, both of whom are the only ones in the League capable of giving a fight and upset them. Madcaps will yet have to match the Saints in the next game that counts in the running is between the Canucks and Recreio.

STRONGEST RIVALS

As it is now, in the fighting amongst these Big Four, the Saints are on top. They can well afford to drop one game and still be in the "show".

Madcaps are in effect the strongest rivals to the Josphians. They are more or less that they are strongly reinforced by the inclusion of Dale Cramer, noted by a majority at least to be the best pitcher now in action on the local diamond. His above-average speed, plus excellent ball sense, heady and fast playing was a large measure for the defeat of Recreio at Madcap hands last week. Two wins in three trips by Madcap Sabu Samy pace the way for the attack.

On the appeal the Rees have filed concerning their defeat by St. Joseph's hinges the team's hopes for championship honours. It will be readily seen that if they win the appeal, there is the possibility of their defeating the conquerors in the replay and so come back to the flag-chasing. The ruling that a protest should be made to the spot was ignored by the General Committee in considering the Rees appeal. Paradoxically, it passed a ruling to that effect immediately afterwards. So Recreio's "protest" was heard. To give an indication that the Rees meant business, their representative at once told the Committee, "with due respect . . ." that it was unfit to hear the protest. He thought the Committee had too many interested in the outcome. Agreed that any one of it directly involved had no say, the proceedings continued. A vote decided that the appeal should be gone into and not "not to be entertained at all." Ignorance of the rule that a protest should be made on the spot was mooted upon.

WHAT THE RULES SAY

It will be recalled that the question in connection with the Rees appeal was its decision on "Interference," and the claim is for an additional base, as a result of which a run would have been scored, and since St. Joseph's won by one run, that decision could have affected the result. Rees runner was travelling from second base to third after a fly ball was caught deep at centre field. As he was making the base, he was alleged to have been interfered, thereby preventing him from making a try for home and a vital Rees run. What do the rules say? In effect, they say that he was entitled to the base he was making and that would be third, not home. However, in another part of the rules, he was entitled to more than a base, where specified. So, it appears it should be left to the judgment of the base umpire, who was the one to make a decision, to say whether the runner could or could not have reached home, if not for the interference.

Prospects For This Afternoon's Race Meeting

(BY "THE TURF")

The Hongkong Jockey Club will hold its First Extra Race Meeting this afternoon at the Valley, and the first Saddle Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will start at 2 o'clock.

There are nine events in all; six are for the Subscription Ponies (non-winners) and the remaining three are confined to old ponies.

Mirs Bay Stakes (First Section)

The race opens with a mile event for Australian Subscription ponies of 1948, and none of the entries has turned in any good performances to date. Possibility (147 lbs) came in second on the fourth day of the Annual Race Carnival in a half mile race, being five lengths behind the first. It has also been fourth in a mile event, and should have a good chance of winning this race. The other best ponies are—Justice of Peace, Merry Thoughts and Shangria.

Hunghom Bay Handicap ("B" Class)

In this mile Handicap of "B" Class old ponies, Kim (159 lbs) and Lily (155 lbs), both being demoted from the "A" Class are sure to be among the finishing group. Kim with 144 lbs, (Newman up), at the Sixth Extra Race Meeting covered the mile distance in excellent time of 1.46.1/5 and in spite of being top weight may repeat this success. Lily (155 lbs) has not been quite up to form recently but can be expected to give a good account of herself and should not be ignored by punters. Strong Opposition is sure to come from Hurricane (145 lbs) Royal Commission (151 lbs), Speedway (135 lbs) and Wodonga (148 lbs).

Gin Drinker Bay Stakes (First Section)

Flying Jit should win this event of one mile for it has already put up quite a good performance, running second to Beckenham on the last day of the Annual Meeting and losing only by a length. Strathnamara and Fluke Shot should fill the minor positions. Trade Wind is not to be ignored and is worth five dollars each way.

Bias Bay Handicap ("C" Class)

There are only eight probable starters of "C" Class old ponies for this mile event, and punters can expect the winner to be either Lightning, Jeep Hing or Shanghai Beauty. Of the three, Lightning is the most logical bet. This pony is fighting fit at the moment and in spite of being top weight its chances of winning are very bright. Jeep Hing (140 lbs) is lightly treated, and Shanghai Beauty, after winning the Phalton Handicap at the Annual Meeting, carrying top weight of 159 lbs will come out at only 152 lbs, which gives the pony a sporting opportunity of winning. The popular Wildcats, who are championship aspirants, will have to pay for not turning out in full force because of a mere drizzle. There is no love lost in the ball game, you know! The Committee's decision has not been made yet, but all indications lead one to believe that the Madcap claim will hold.

Mirs Bay Stakes (Second Section)

In this second bunch of new Australian Subscription ponies, Constant Star, Puccle and Mabuhay are the pick. Constant Star was third to Lovely Lady and Beckenham at the third day of the Annual Meeting over a distance of 1 mile 171 yards, and in a shorter event should win. Kwong Ming is a good outside investment.

TOMORROW

Men's "A" Division

CBA, ground—9.30 a.m. Filipinos v. Canadians; 11.15 a.m. St. Joseph's v. VRC.

Recreio football ground—9.30 a.m. Rovers v. VRC; 11.15 a.m. Police v. South China.

Recreio softball diamond—9.30 a.m. Baseball Club v. Recreio.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Tuesday, Feb. 10

King's Park—11 a.m. Britain v. U.S.A.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

King's Park—11 a.m. Philippines v. China.

India and Portugal received byes.

Gin Drinker Bay Stakes (Second Section)

This race is likely to be a close affair as the runners are more or less of the same standard. They are—Amazon, Belle Fontaine, Happy Event, Harvard, Herrie Lassie and Priority. Of these half dozen Priority appears to be the best though the pony is not much of a starter. In three of its outings it was badly left at the post but then ran very well indeed—Amazon, Belle

Fontaine, Happy Event, Harvard and Herrie Lassie are also capable of winning.

Mirs Bay Stakes (Third Section)

A neck and neck race will be fought out between Ding How and Meteorologist for this mile event.

Meteorologist which put up an excellent performance on the last day of the Annual Meeting and came second to Desert Knight should have the edge over Ding How. Ding How, which has shown quite well in all its outings, should give a good account of itself over this distance.

Taiwan Bay Handicap ("D" Class)

There is a good number of entries for this mile Handicap for "D" Class ponies. They are—Al Fresco (140 lbs), Argus (145 lbs), Betty Lou (135 lbs), Blue Peter (151 lbs), Eastern Diamond (150 lbs), Flying Wheel (150 lbs), Honeybee (140 lbs), Jackal (148 lbs), Jinx (135 lbs), Koeknburra (138 lbs), Lola Spolia (135 lbs), Midnight Express (159 lbs), National Hero (139 lbs), Rosebud (144 lbs) and Ruby Star (135 lbs).

Taiwan Bay Handicap ("D" Class)

Blue Peter (151 lbs) has a very good opportunity of winning; it has been placed on several occasions. This pony at the 12th Extra Meeting in 1947 was third to Airfield and Souvenir carrying 159 lbs, whereas now it has only 151 lbs—an advantage of 8 lbs less.

Rosebud (144 lbs) which was made a hot favourite on the Third day of the Annual Carnival and ran unplaced, should do better this time and can be expected to find a place position. Al Fresco which was placed in two of its outings at the Annual Meeting will not be far from the leaders and might even cause an upset.

Mirs Bay Stakes (Fourth Section)

Pleasant Valley, a one-time strong favourite for the Derby, had the misfortune of being lame throughout the Annual Meeting, but is now being fully recovered and if it starts in this event should win.

Strathnamara and Fluke Shot should fill the minor positions. Trade Wind is not to be ignored and is worth five dollars each way.

Arthur Peall says:

"I am not always good at snooker for safety. Everything depends on the kind of shot I am playing."

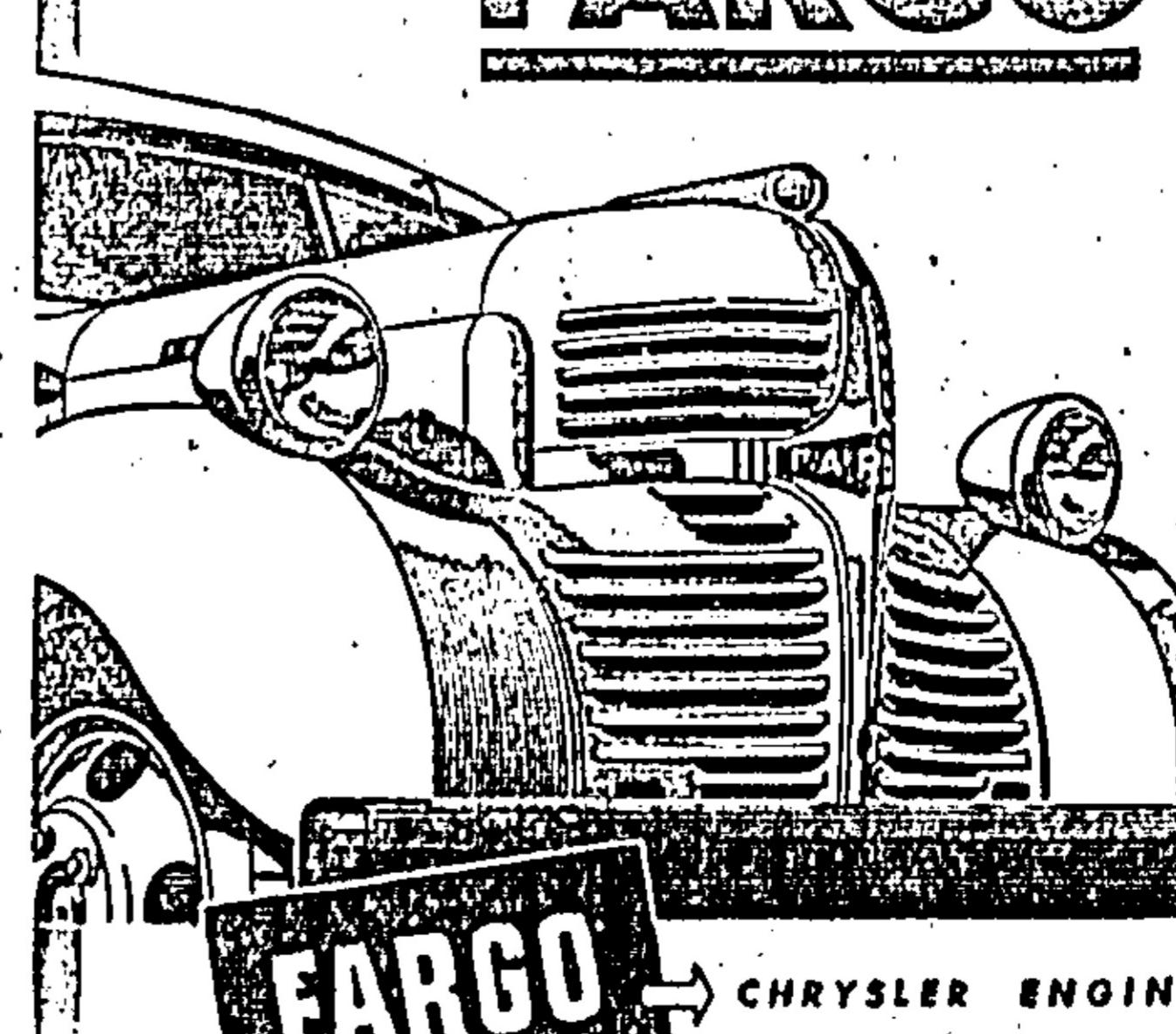
Diagram showing how to play a snooker shot from a difficult angle. Opponent's ball is at the top cushion. The ball is to be hit from the bottom right corner. The cue is to be held at an angle, strong and bold, and dangerously near the bank pocket.

Opponent's ball is to be hit by playing straight up the table and back off the top cushion. He would never have had this chance had real skill been played hard enough to clear the ball.

Moral is, be careful about the kind of snooker you have. Do not get into a situation that any sort of snooker will do.

Center of diagram shows a one-ball stroke straight up the table and back off the top cushion. Hit the ball to point on rebound. Try this out to improve the accuracy of your cue delivery.

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By Reg. Wootton



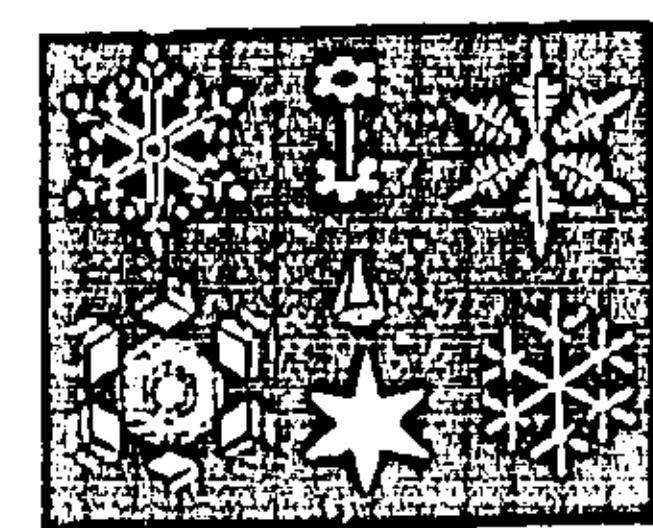
Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. In 1774 there died a great Empire builder who—
Failed in an attempt at suicide, founded the British Empire in India, finally took his own life?

2. A polo doge should—
Scare crows, sound a deep note, see around corners, run on rails?

3. If you wanted to see the Great Belt you would—
Look at the stars, attend a big fight, go to Denmark, visit Ashdown Forest?



4. These pictures concern—
Diplomatic orders, atom experiment, the Crown Jewels, the weather?

5. Fabius, after whom the Fabian Society was named, was—
Socialist pioneer, English martyr, Roman dictator, teller of legendary tales?

6. Henry Francis Lyle wrote all these hymns but one—
Abide with me, Lead, kindly light, Pleasant are thy courts above, Praise my soul, the King of Heaven?

7. Bradman has scored his hundredth century, but who holds the record for centuries—
W. R. Hammond, C. P. Mead, H. Sutcliffe, J. B. Hobbs, E. Hendren, F. E. Woolley?

8. Can you name the countries of these European sovereigns—
Gustavus V., Haakon VII., Frederick IX.?

9. The first successful imports of frozen meat from Australia reached Britain in—
1880, 1930, 1935, 1937?

10. The first public railway goods line sanctioned by Parliament was from—
Stockton to Darlington, Wansborough to Cradon, Canterbury to Whitstable?

Sydney Redwood discusses the new educational training scheme for the British soldier.

BRITISH troops will devote at least 150 working hours a year to educational training under the comprehensive postwar scheme which is being progressively introduced throughout the Army.

National service necessarily interrupts normal education. But under the new plan the Army, which can rightfully claim to be one of the great pioneering educational forces in Britain—150 years ago the Service was already making a systematic check on the then widespread illiteracy of troops—is doing everything possible to mitigate this. The scheme ranges from teaching illiterates to read and write, to the provision of facilities and assistance for taking university degrees, thereby offering not only the broad groundwork of knowledge, but at the same time opportunities to men and women to follow their cultural interests in any direction. It will contain something of use and value for everyone.

EDUCATION FOR ALL

Fundamental training begins on enlistment. Soldiers of each General Service intake will study citizenship and current affairs for two hours a week during their six weeks of primary training. Thereafter, the time will be increased to three hours weekly, with English, mathematics, history and geography, and general science being added to the curriculum, except for those who have reached the standard of the Forces Preliminary Examination.

The latter may continue their education in training or working hours in the form best suited to their particular circumstances.

Considerable modifications to the instruction supplied during the Release Period are being introduced to meet changed conditions. At the end of hostilities, the educational scheme was framed to cover the needs of men and women of maturity and experience whose military service was drawing to a close, and whose eyes were fixed on the problems of their resettlement in civil life. Now the Army is in that transitional stage between the Release Period and normal peacetime conditions, and is largely peopled with very young soldiers and auxiliaries whose educational needs are vastly different.

At the end of the year's service, or is called up, it will be voluntary and carried out in his own time.

This individual education will be provided by such classes and courses as can be arranged in units; at Army Education Centres—arrangements are being made for the progressive establishment of such Centres for garrisons of not less than 1,500 in Commands at home and abroad;

at Army Colleges; at civilian educational institutions (technical schools, evening institutes, art schools and the like), which are within reasonable distance of the soldier's military station; and through the War Office correspondence scheme. An important aspect of this type of education will be the resettlement training of the regular soldier and the development of a Resettlement Advice Bureau.

ARMY COLLEGES

There are at present four Army Colleges situated at Welbeck Abbey, near Newark; Cheltenham Camp, Wiltshire; Göttingen (B.A.O.R.); and Genfia (M.E.L.F.). They form the apex of the Army educational system, and enable men and women, in the closing stages of their service, to spend a month on full-time studies on such subjects as pure and applied science and mathematics; arts, crafts, music and drama; trades and commerce; domestic science, and instructor training. There is a special department of agriculture at Cheltenham and Genfia, and a separate School of Agriculture in B.A.O.R.

The Army Council intends that the Army Colleges will ultimately be situated in large centres of military population and will then be run on "Polytechnic" lines, providing a wide range of facilities for troops in the locality, while the Centres, which will number over a 100, will become closely related to them as satellite institutions.

THE INSTRUCTORS

The new scheme is being staffed by full-time instructors of the Royal Army Educational Corps on an overall scale of one per 240 men, assisted by part-time instructors provided by units. The work of instructors, although controlled by unit education officers, will also be supervised by Supervising Officers, R.A.E.C., of whom one will be allotted to every 2,000 troops.

In order that progress may be carefully watched, arrangements have also been made with the Ministry of Education for their inspectors to co-operate in an advisory capacity.

This co-operative effort should go far to ensure that full opportunity is given for our "citizens in uniform" to become better informed, more responsible and more capable members of the community when the time comes for them to shed battle dress. In striving for this aim, the Army scheme is making an important contribution to the welfare of the British nation as a whole.

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EXPOSURE'S NOT SO DIFFICULT

ONE of my good friends stopped in the other day on his way to the beach. "There's something I want to ask you," he told me. "Something about talking pictures."

I told him to fire away and he fished from his pocket a folding camera sent to him by a relative. "Look at this," he said. "I've never used anything save a simple box camera in my life. Now I want to go to the beach, take a few snapshots, and I don't know what exposure to use. What do these gadgets mean?"

The gadgets he referred to were the lever by which the lens aperture is selected—f.5.6, f.8, f.11, and so forth—and a second lever controlling shutter speed setting.

I tried to explain it simply. "Look," I told him, "stop worrying. Exposure's pretty simple. Your first lever, the f.8, f.11 one, controls your lens aperture. That's just another way of saying it controls the size of the hole through which light can enter your camera."

"The shutter speed setting is equally simple. Set it on 1/50 and your shutter is open 1/50 of a second when you take your picture. Set it on 1/100 and the shutter's open only half as long."

My friend nodded knowingly. "Let's say," I went on, "that a given quantity of light must

fall on your film when you take

I CALL THIS THE TERROR

By "JAN"

YOU don't have to put both ears to the ground in any part of England today to hear a strange and persistent noise. It sounds rather like a maniac grinding his teeth or a dyspeptic motor-bike. It is the noise of England being altered.

Though Ministries of County Planning, plan, and Boards of Afforestation plant, and dozens of well-meaning trusts bodies and societies seek to preserve our national landscape (though at the same time they remove the people who contributed so much towards it), yet, nevertheless, it is the unknown inventor of a small gadget who is changing the look of England whilst everybody else is talking about it.

For anybody now can go and buy a machine which, though it looks unoffensive enough from a distance that you might mistake it for a doll's chair, is as vicious as a serpent and as ruthless as time itself.

Good intentions and aesthetic appreciation have never preserved our memory. That, if it has been done at all, has been achieved by sloth. For it requires a great deal of energy to remove whole woods and fell the last clump of walnuts in a country, and though there are great oaks near

with the ease of a bacon slicer, her eyes lit with greed.

At last she could do a man's job quicker than a man. Whereas she had been what one might call a quiescent spinster, now she was as aggressive as the saw itself.

And the very next morning, I heard a crack as though doom itself had broken; and, looking over the hedge, I saw to my horror that my great ash tree was falling into the arms of an elm. I rushed out incandescent with anger. For, though I had been often tempted to cut the tree for its timber, something or other, yes, no doubt, it was laziness, had always prevented me. And nothing is so annoying as the sight of seeing somebody succumb to the temptations you have yourself resisted; especially when they stand licking their lips in pleasure. And on top of that, where tree was it?

THE hedge divides our territory; the tree grows, or grew, on the top. Some branches shaded her side, some mine. Now we both stare at the stump and the horrid little gadget is licking its chops for more.

I pick it up; curious. I put it to the trunk; still only curious. It goes through as easily as if I'm cutting the bark of a tree.

But no sooner was The Terror started up by the gardener than her eyes lit up with envy of the feeling of power this gadget gives to the biter. I turn upon Miss Nettleford; for she is a ducile spinster of 60 who hasn't even a bad word to say of a neighbour.

I pick it up; curious. I put it to the trunk; still only curious. It goes through as easily as if I'm cutting the bark of a tree.

"I HOPE THIS DINNER WON'T BE TOO AWFUL... I COULDN'T GET PARTRIDGE SO I HAD TO TAKE CHICKEN... AND THE STORES WERE ALL OUT OF CAVIAR..."

"IM AFRAID THE POTATOES ARE A BIT LUMPY!"

"Etc. Etc. Etc."

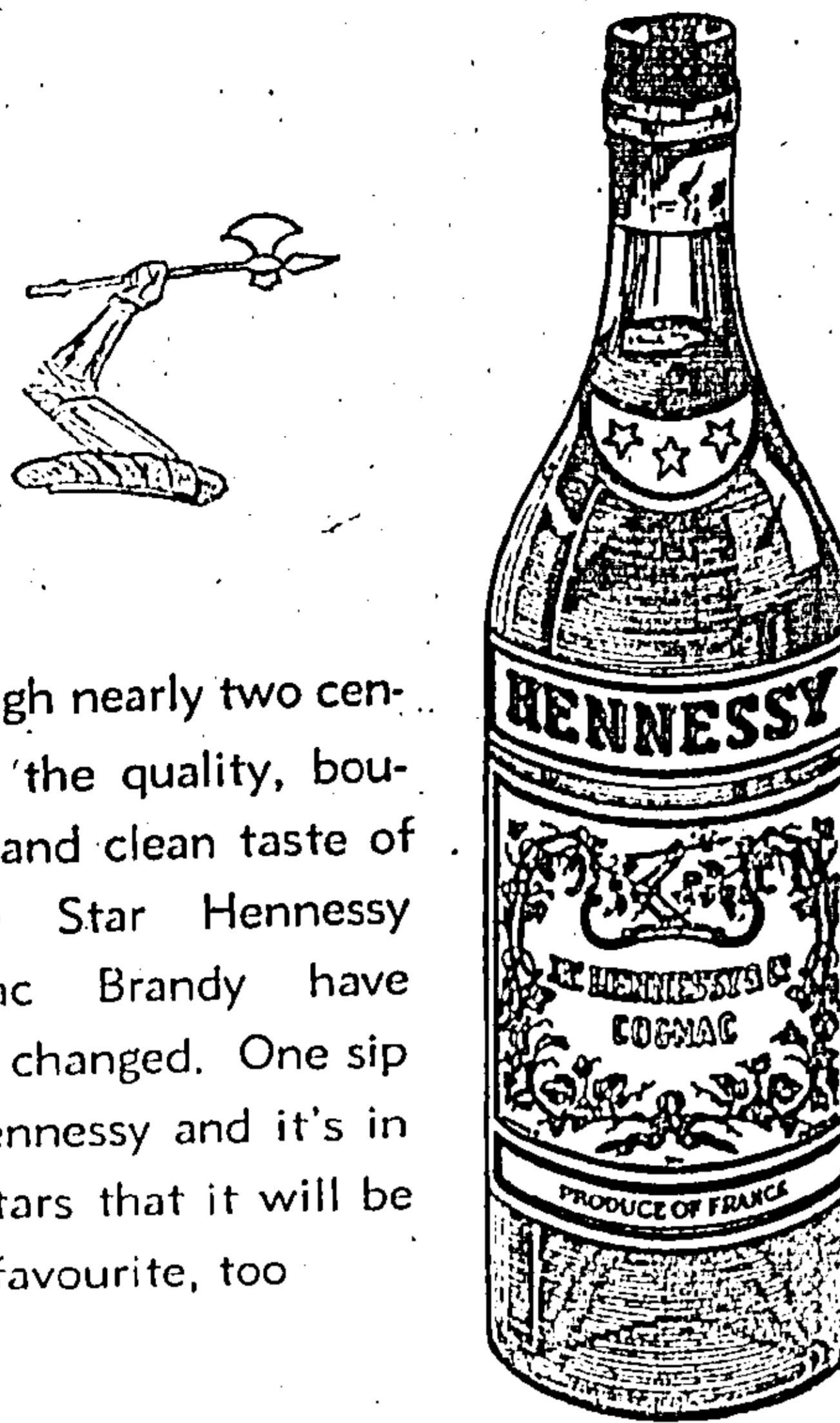
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VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"Apologists"

BY KEMP STARRETT





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EGGS ARE EGGS BUT SOME TASTE QUEER

BY ROBERT MUSEL

Three British scientists who smacked their lips, made wry faces, or groaned, or politely spat into napkins, have completed the world's most unusual banquet. They ate 81 omelettes each. Nothing else. Eggs, just eggs.

One conclusion announced by Dr. Hugh Cott, of the University Museum of Zoology in Cambridge, is that man and the mongoose like the same kind of eggs.

So does the ferret, the hedgehog and the rat.

Dr. Cott assembled the panel of tasters because he was scientifically curious about why some eggs taste better than others. He sat three volunteers around a dining table and had portions served them—scrambled and cooked by steaming.

Hen Rates Best

Then he graded the 81 species, using the figure 10 as perfect or excellent. The scientists did not give that rating to any of the eggs. The domestic hen could only chuck her way to 8.8, but that was top edibility score.

In a three-way tie for second place were the eggs of the coot, the moorhen and the lesser black-backed gull, all at 8.3. If the price of eggs keeps soaring, all you have to do is find the proper nest, but beware of Mumma Moorhen. She pecks egg stealers.

A few other "relatively palatable" tips for the household table are the herring-gull, the penguin (whose rating is "particularly fine and delicate in flavour"), the white-headed crane, the hedge-sparrow, the partridge, the jackdaw and the domestic turkey, who gobbles his way into 21st place.

Surprisingly down in 41st place and lowest of all "intermediate" rank below the carion-crow. The long-tailed tit is also not too edible and the romantic turtle dove had the scientists holding their noses with a score of five.

Wren Scores Low

In the unpalatable class they put the great tit (salty, fleshy and bitter), the blue tit (acid, rank and soapy) and the wren (sour, oily). The wren had the lowest score, too.

Do you like onion omelettes? The oyster-catcher (also known as haematopterus ostralegus occidentalis) has the greatest bite (salty, fleshy and bitter). His eggs have a strong onion-like flavour. However, one scientist, an oyster-catcher egg, he claimed was distinctly reminiscent of hemp.

Dr. Cott's other conclusions are that bitterness in eggs is related to size and colouration—the smallest and most brightly coloured eggs taste the worst, as protective devices.

One omelette from the eggs of the bar-headed goose had all three gingers.

"The freshness of the material available," reported Dr. Cott with scientific detachment, "may have been in question."

ARE YOU SURE? ANSWERS

Questions on Page 9

1. Lord Clive, on Nov. 23, 1774.
2. Scare crows. It is a Scottish scarecrow.
3. Go to Denmark. Great Belt is channel separating Zealand from Funen.
4. The weather. These are snow crystals. S. Roman dictator, Fabius Maximus, known as the delayer. The society's policy was for cautious persistence.
5. All except Lead, kindly light, which was by Cardinal Newman. J. J. B. Hobbs, 197 centuries. R. Sweden, Norway, Denmark, 9 1880, 10. Surrey Iron Railway, Wandsworth to Croydon, 1801.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.
Across: 1. Dilocute; 8. Ricochet; 10. Car; 12. Planet; 13. Rue; 14. Altar; 15. Empty; 17. Lime; 18. Ple; 19. Bet; 21. Air; 22. Manly; 23. Top; 24. Gems; 25. Antlers.
Down: 1. Dromedary; 2. Scorpion; 3. Lope; 4. Challenge; 5. Extremist; 7. Clay; 8. Entite; 9. Team; 11. Armpit; 16. Tempt; 19. Ball; 20. Sym-

Churchill, the pilot, and the lunch invitation

by George Malcolm Thomson

THE war in Whitehall—that is the theme of Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart's new book, *Comes the Reckoning* (Putnam, 18s.). It was a war that at times raged fiercely between rival factions. And casualties were heavy.

Recalled from his Highland hills to the Foreign Office in early September 1939, Lockhart became British representative with the Czech Government in this country, and later director-general of the political warfare executive, a propagandist organisation whose target was the morale of the enemy.

These duties brought him immense distinction and a breakdown in health. Lockhart could regard himself as one of the casualties of the War in Whitehall.

His book, essentially a personal story, affords some tantalising glimpses of matter hitherto concealed; it recreates the atmosphere of unforgettable days; and it draws upon a limitless fund of anecdotes about outstanding personalities in the drama.

MR EDEN makes an early appearance, drilling his Territorials in an Oxford-street store after the shop girls have left. The War Office had offered £1500 for a local hall, but the owner held out for £3000. In the late summer of 1939, on the eve of the costliest war in history, it was clearly an impossible price.

Dr Benes is seen in sunny and stormy settings—with the sunshine gradually predominating as the British Foreign Office painfully screws up its courage to recognise his Government. It might be a comic, were it not a pretty, story.

Lockhart exhibits Beaverbrook at work, late at night, in his house, the motto of the British statesmen whom Maisky most admires. Lord Beaverbrook, Lockhart saw much of him during the greatest period in his life" when Beaverbrook was preparing for, and day by day, equipping the battle-line in the decisive conflict of the war, the Battle of Britain.

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An atheist, he could quote Scripture, his favorite verse being, "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

This sentence might well be the motto of the British statesmen whom Maisky most admires. Lord Beaverbrook, Lockhart saw much of him during the greatest period in his life" when Beaverbrook was preparing for, and day by day, equipping the battle-line in the decisive conflict of the war, the Battle of Britain.

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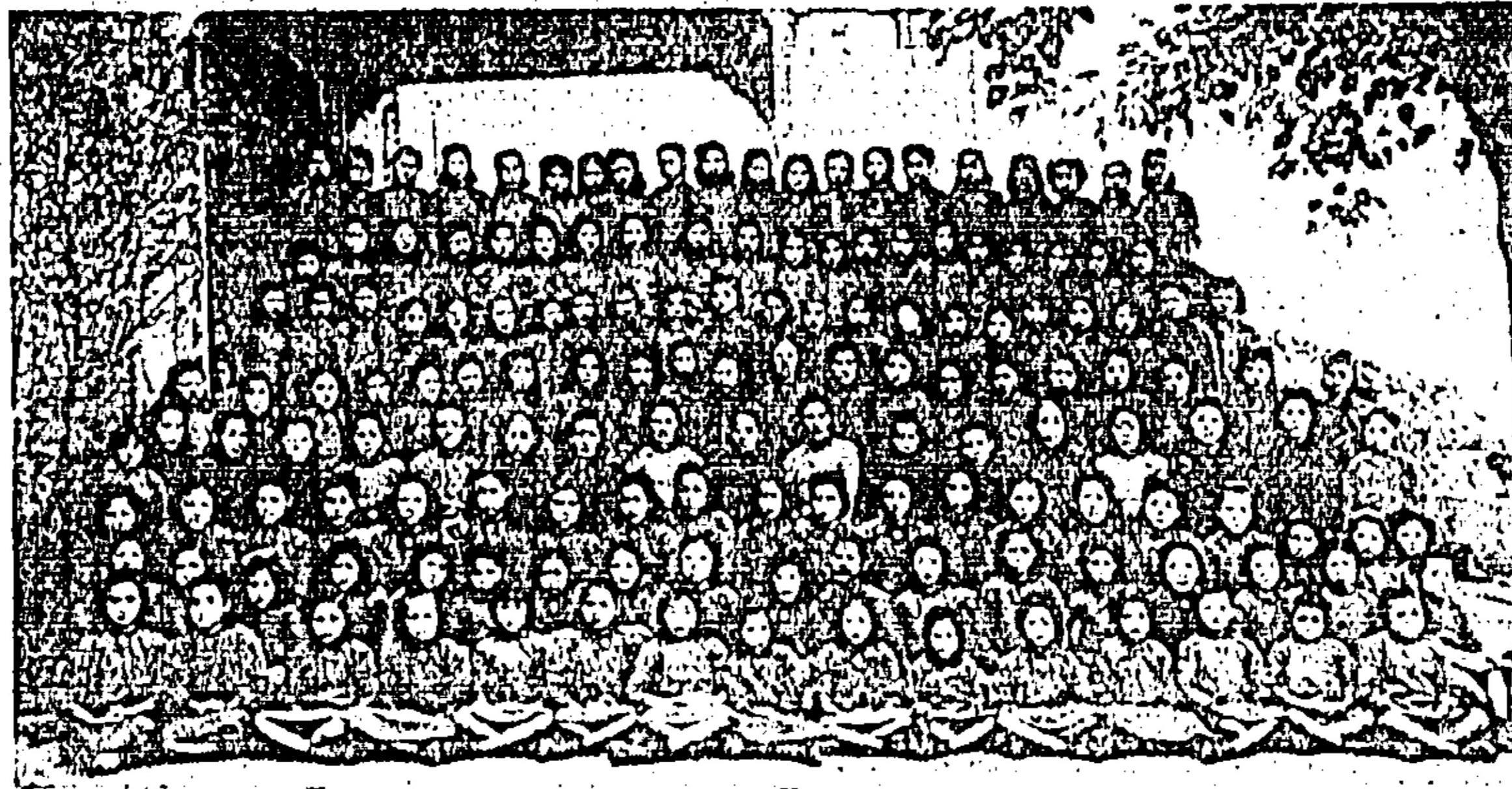
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TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



BRIDAL GROUP—Picture taken outside St John's Cathedral last Saturday after the wedding of Mr George Mervyn Mills and Miss Betty Ann Ayris. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

OVER 400 people attended the Ball sponsored by the St John Ambulance Association at the Hongkong Hotel last week. Heading the large and distinguished gathering were HE the Governor and Lady Grantham, seen in the picture below with His Excellency's ADC, Capt. A. P. F. Wilson. Right: Miss Leung Sui-bing performing the Chinese sword dance, which was very well received. (Photos: Mee Cheung)



STUDENTS of the Lady Ho Tung Memorial Charity School, photographed with the Committee and teachers of the School. (Photo: Golden Studio)



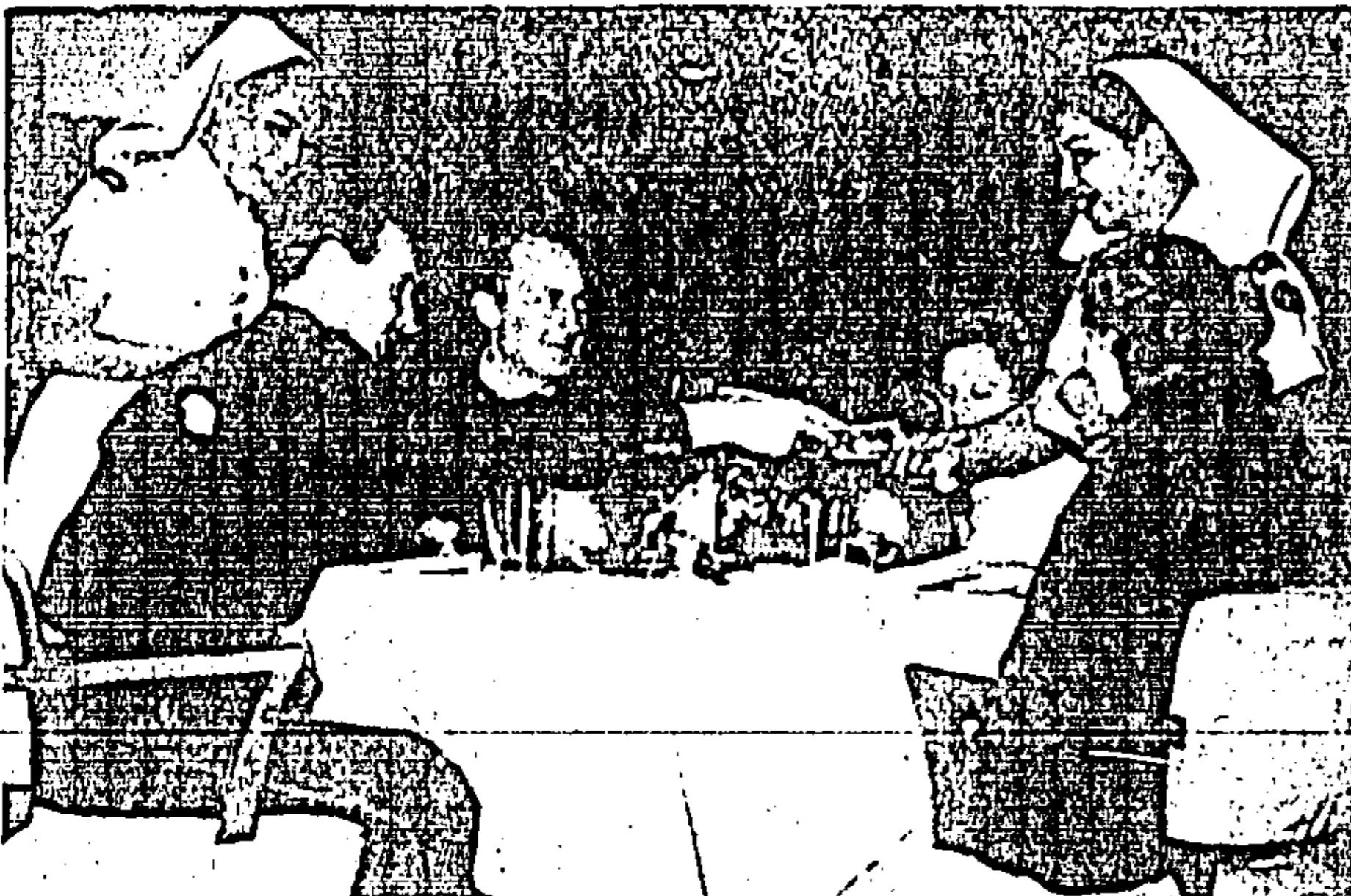
A SCENE from the Hongkong Stage Club's latest production, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," which was presented at the Missions to Seamen Theatre this week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



MR H. L. SCHULTZ, who has just retired as a vice-president and director of Standard-Vacuum Oil Company after 36 years' service. Mr Schultz was general manager in Hongkong in 1926 and 1931.



THE Violet Peel Health Centre, which was considerably damaged by bombing during the war, has now been taken over by the Street Sleepers' Shelter Society. Three seeking a night's shelter are shown in the photograph registering for admission. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



TEAMS representing the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Messrs Butterfield and Swire met in a friendly cricket match last Sunday. The latter won by 12 runs. The two teams are here shown with the Hon. Mr A. Morse, Chief Manager of the Bank. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

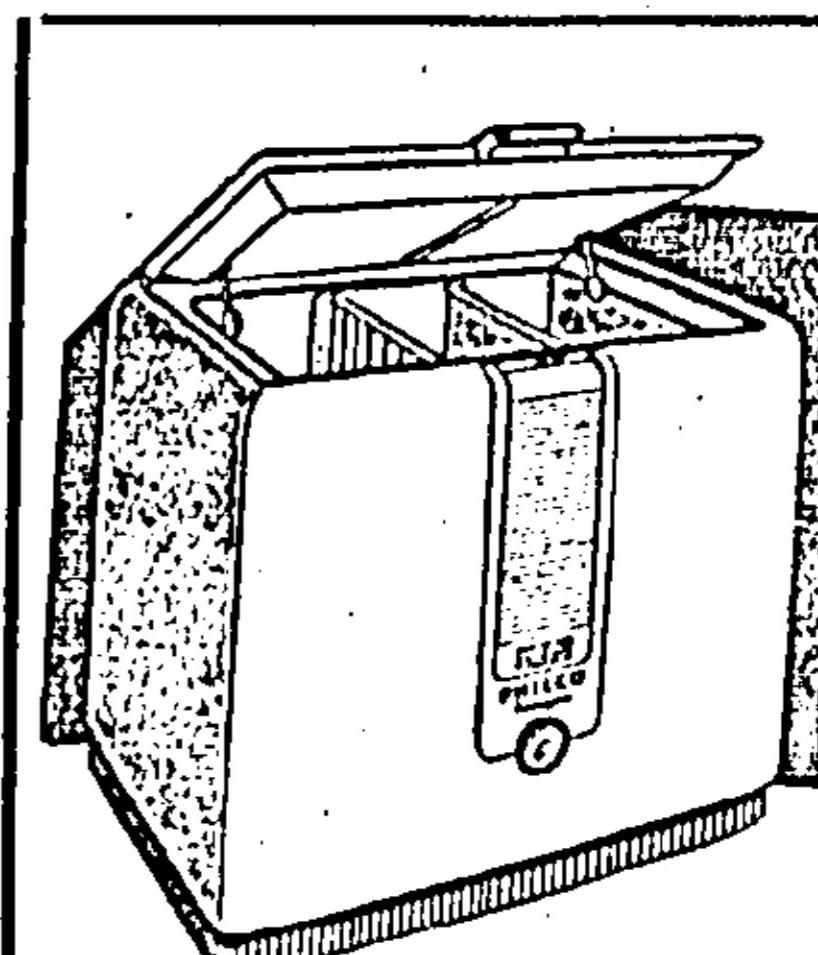


MR CHARLES RENE ROSSELET and Miss Socorro Maria Castro were married at St Joseph's Church last Saturday. (Photo: Golden Studio)



LAST week-end's football winners are seen on the left. Top picture is of the China team, which defeated Ireland in the International Charity Cup match by 11 goals to nil. Lower picture shows the Combined Chinese, who won from the Non-Chinese Civilians 6-2. (Photos: Golden Studio)

PICTURE above was taken on the occasion of the wedding at St Andrew's Church last week of Mr G. W. Bennett and Miss E. P. Aitchison. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



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Annual Ball

The Annual Ball of this Union will be held in the Grange of the Hongkong Hotel, on Tuesday, the 24th of February, 1948, at 8 p.m., to 1 a.m. There will be Music for Dancing played by the Hongkong Hotel Orchestra, Hawaiian Music by Mr. George Pearson, and his Beach Boys and Fibroshows by local Artists. Tickets are available at the Hongkong Hotel Reception Desks, King's Theatre Booking Office, Wing On Bank, The Sun Co., Sincere Co., Ltd., China Emporium, Dragon Seed Co., Man Cheong (Gloucester Arcade), Chang Pao Hera (King's Theatre Building) or appt to the Secretary Imperial Trading Company, King's Theatre Building, Tel. 28209. All Old Boys of our Union, and members of their families & friends are cordially invited to attend this function.

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Urgent Notice

In order to serve notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at an early date, will all prewar members desirous of resuming membership please send a chit notifying their name, address and motor car or cycle registration number to:

Mr T. E. JACKSON,
Assistant Director of Marine,
Harbour Office.

Note The new subscription fees will be decided at the Annual General Meeting of Members.

Motorists wishing to join the Association may obtain a form from any member of the Interim Committee or from the address above.

French Doctors To Strike

Paris, Feb. 6.—French doctors decided today to strike on March 1 in protest against the heavy taxes they have to pay.

They will refuse to give free attention to nationally-insured patients in hospitals and will refuse to sign medical certificates except those involving maternity and prenatal health.

The decision was taken by the Administrative Council of the Medical Trade Unions.—Reuter.

Chinese Communists Said Deliberately Killing Missionaries

New York, Feb. 6.—Fr. Calvert Alexander, editor of the Jesuit Mission's magazine, charged today that Chinese Communists are killing all American missionaries captured in North China.

The statement was made in an interview, and the editor of the magazine released the first documented charges against the Communists in connection with the campaign against the Church in Communist-occupied areas.

INCIDENTS REPORTED IN INDONESIA

Batavia, Feb. 6.—The Indonesian Republic has sent a letter to the Security Council's "Good Offices" Committee, listing about 300 Indonesian casualties in 30 alleged incidents with the Dutch since the signing of the truce on January 17.

Republican sources said the principal incident took place on January 26 at two villages, about 20 miles southeast of the West Java port of Cirebon.

It was alleged that Dutch soldiers had machine-gunned and bayoneted 285 people, mortared the villages and burned about 130 houses.

The Republic's letter was believed to have asked the "Good Offices" Committee to conduct an inquiry and submit suggestions for the prevention of such incidents in the future on both the Dutch and the Indonesian sides.

Dutch sources had no knowledge of any Republican letter but said the Netherlands was protesting to the "Good Offices" Committee that sabotage and shootings in East Java had not ceased since the signing of the truce.

At least 23 Dutch soldiers were said to have been killed and 50 wounded in incidents with the Republicans, since the truce came into effect on January 17.

One incident was believed to involve the derailing of a Dutch train and the machine-gunning of those who escaped injury when it fell down a ravine.—Reuter.

BARBARA ANN SCOTT AGAIN CHAMPION

St Moritz, Feb. 6.—Miss Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's incomparable ballerina on ice skates, today won the Olympic women's figure skating championship, as Sweden took over the lead of the unofficial team championship and the United States had a good start in the four-man bob-sled competition.

Miss Scott, giving by far the best performance seen in the women's figure skating since Sonja Henie, won easily although the official results, because of the complicated scoring system, were delayed for hours.

Veteran Nils Karlsson brought Sweden a fourth gold medal by winning the 50 kilometre cross-country ski race. Second was Harald Eriksson of Sweden, third Benjamin Vanninen of Finland, fourth Pekka Vanninen of Finland, fifth Anders Toernquist of Sweden and sixth Edi Schmid of Switzerland. The winning time was three hours 47 minutes 16 sec.

The race meant 17 points for Sweden, giving a lead over Switzerland's team standings with a total of 74.

The Swiss, picking up only one point, went to second place with 70. Scores of non-Olympic boeky foil: United States 13, Austria 1; Switzerland 14, Poland 0; Canada 8, Czechoslovakia 0; Sweden 4, Italy 3. The Swiss won six straight games.

Barbara's Challengers

Miss Scott's most serious challengers were Miss Jeanette Altwegg of Britain, who finished second in compulsory figures, and Miss Eva Pavlick of Austria, who was third, but the 7,000 spectators acclaimed Miss Scott champion without waiting for the Judge's decision.

In the four-man bob sled, Switzerland's No. 1 team took the first heat, in 1:16.0, with Fritz Feirabend piloting.

America's No. 2 team, driven by Francis Tyler, had the second best time in the opening heat and the best clocking of seven teams making the second run when the competition was postponed until tomorrow because the course was battered too severely by the heavy sleds.

The hockey game between Canada and Czechoslovakia, who previously won five straight games in the nine-nation round robin tournament, was marked by a fist fight between Jaroslav Drobny, Czech international tennis star, and George Marc of Canada.

Drobny and Marc collided near the sidelines in the closing minutes of the third period, and began punching each other. Officials finally separated them.—United Press.

A LUCKY DEFECT

London, Feb. 6.—Dismantling his bath to mend a leaking pipe, William Edwards, of Hemel Hempstead, found jewellery worth £600, believed to have been hidden there by German Jewish refugees.—Reuter.

First Target

"The mere possession of property is sufficient evidence that it is gotten by criminal means. Since missionaries possess churches, schools, clinics, hospitals and orphanages, they frequently are the first target of the campaign."

The report said that in the last two years in the provinces of Shantung, Ho-chou, Shensi, Shansi, Mongolia and Manchuria, the Communists have converted 183 Catholic churches into Communist headquarters; converted 123 churches into movie theatres; looted 166 church and destroyed 25; closed 1,071 Catholic schools; burned 12 and occupied 216 mission stations and looted 235 more and destroyed 89.—United Press.

Radio-Phone To Safeguard Oil Pipe-Line

British Firm Wins Big Contract

Coventry, Feb. 6.—The most elaborate and advanced radio-telephone system ever provided will safeguard the new 800-mile pipeline which will bring 15,000,000 tons of oil from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean yearly.

In the face of fierce competition from American firms, the British General Electric Company has secured a £300,000 contract for the production and setting up of this communications link, which will span the desert.

The contract provides work for 5,000 employees of the Coventry branches of the GEC.

"WALKIE TALKIE"

Operators in the desert transmitting stations will be able to dial a number and speak immediately to the operators at other stations on the line, although the only link between them will be a radio beam.

"Walkie talkie" apparatus and mobile wireless trucks will keep the working parties building the pipe in close touch with each other and base camps.

When the pipeline has been completed, meters along the line will automatically flash radio signals showing whether or not the oil is flowing freely and thus enable breakdown gangs to get instant checks on stoppages.

Radio communication will also be kept with aircraft flying over the pipelines' route and with ships entering port.—Reuter.

De Valera Loses His Majority

Dublin, Feb. 6.—The overthrow of Premier Eamon de Valera's Fianna Fail government by the Free general election appeared certain as the vote count neared its end today.

With well over 100 seats in the Parliament decided, the Government party had fewer than the combined opposition. Political leaders expected Mr. de Valera to resign by 10 p.m. in office.

Latest tally: Government 53 seats, all other parties 68.—United Press.

De Gaulle's Youngest Daughter Gravely Ill

Paris, Feb. 6.—General Charles de Gaulle cancelled today a speech he was to have made next Sunday at Juvisy, near here, and a series of ceremonies he was to have attended in Paris over the week-end, owing to the serious illness of his youngest daughter, Anne.

Anne, who has been an invalid all her life, became suddenly worse this afternoon.

Specialists were rushed to Colombey Les Deux Eglisee, where the general has his farmhouse home.

Her condition was described as "very grave" in circles close to the general.—Reuter.

Key Men In Gandhi Murder Plot Held

Bombay, Feb. 6.—Exactly one week after Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, high police officials, who have made Poona—the home of Gandhi's alleged killer, Nathuram Vinayak Godse—the centre of the investigations, were tonight reported to have uncovered the main outlines of a plot to kill Mahatma Gandhi.

They were said to be in possession of signed statements by both Godse and Madan Lal, the man who was seized after an explosion at Mr. Gandhi's prayer meeting on January 20.

Days and nights of close unremitting investigation, touching upon every province in the Dominion and involving the interrogation of scores of suspects and possible witnesses, were said to have established without doubt the existence of a murder plot that led directly to Mr. Gandhi's assassination.

There were believed to have been at least seven active participants in this plot, possibly aimed at the life of one of national leaders besides Mr. Gandhi.

Three alleged key men of the conspiracy are already in police hands—Godse, Madan Lal and one other, as yet unnamed. Three or four others have been held as suspects.—Reuter.

Congress Purge Urged

New Delhi, Feb. 6.—A purge of the Indian Congress Party following Mr. Gandhi's assassination was demanded by the party's own Working Committee, its policy-making executive body, in a resolution today.

The Committee called on Congressmen to "purify the organisation"

Italy Abolishes Death Penalty

Rome, Feb. 6.—Italy has abolished the death penalty for political crimes.

A decree published today commutes to life imprisonment the sentences of more than 200 persons accused of Fascist political crimes. Capital punishment for ordinary crimes ended in 1944.—Associated Press.

Trader With Enemy Commits Suicide

Brussels, Feb. 6.—Karl Saller, accused of making 20,000,000 Belgian francs out of trade with the Germans during the occupation of Belgium, swallowed a phial of potassium cyanide and died almost immediately after hearing sentence passed on him here today.

A military court, sitting in Brussels' Palais de Justice, sentenced him to 20 years hard labour and a fine of 25,000,000 francs on charges of economic collaboration with the enemy.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAIRS

Arrangements For New Year Holidays

On Tuesday, February 10, 1948, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The latter branch for sale of stamps only. The other branch will be entirely closed. There post offices will be entirely closed. There will be no delivery or collection from post boxes.

On Wednesday, February 11, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to noon. The other post offices will open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery and ordinary correspondence and one collection only from pillar boxes at 10 a.m.

The General Post Office will be entirely closed during the holidays. Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than ordinary mail. If mail arrives before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Closed by Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Taiping, Kunming and Calcutta, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Swatow (3 p.m.) (Sea) 1 p.m.

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Sikasso (4 p.m.)
Macao, Tashkent & Shekki (Sea) 10 a.m.
(Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (Train) 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Macao, Tashkent & Shekki (Sea) 10 a.m.
Canton (Train) 10 a.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.
Canton, Tashkent & Shekki (Sea) 5 a.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tashkent and Peiping, Canton, Liu-chow and Kunming, 3:30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.